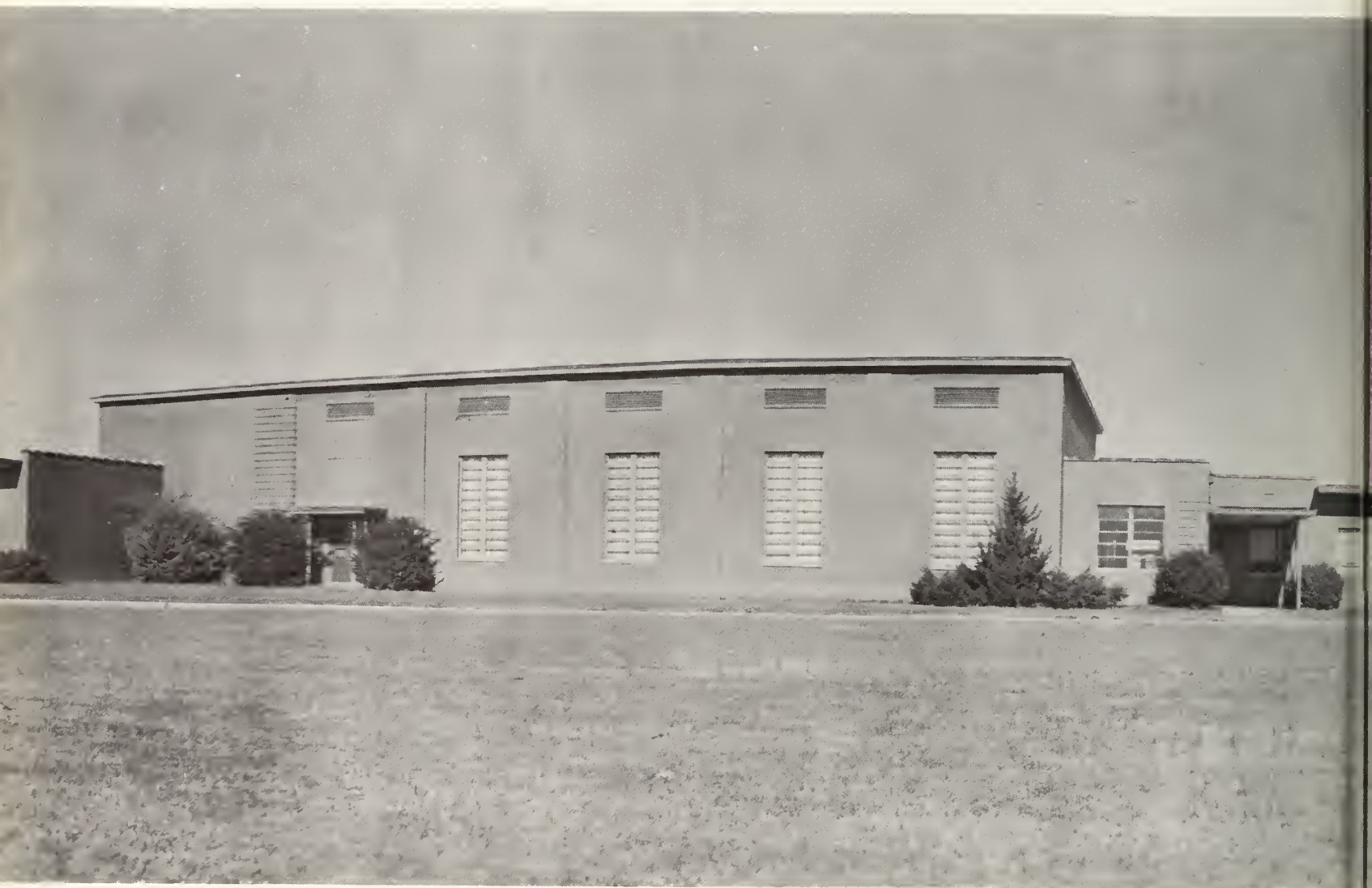


A stylized logo for Tomahawk. It features a central vertical element composed of three red, elongated, teardrop-like shapes. To the left of this central element are two horizontal, teardrop-like shapes, one black and one red. To the right is another vertical red teardrop shape. At the bottom of the central vertical element is a horizontal black teardrop shape.

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the first ten years



of West Mecklenburg High School, Charlotte, N. C.





as viewed in the nineteen sixty one **TOMAHAWK**



1951
to
1961

foreword



To record for you your years at West Mecklenburg
Senior High is the purpose of the 1961 TOMAHAWK.
Captured within its pages is a little of the
spirit of the students, a trace of moods and
sentiments, a glimpse of hard study and daily routine,
a ray of happiness, and a touch of defeat.
Uncaptured in the TOMAHAWK is the meaning that
it holds for each of you. It is our hope that
your experiences of both joy and sorrow will be
brought to life as you turn through its pages.

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dedication

Growth has been the keynote at West for the past ten years, as curriculum and campus expanded to form an even bigger and better school.

Our years at West have aided us greatly in our growth toward more mature Christian individuals.

Because of the fellowship and friendliness among faculty and students, the varied activities, the interesting classes, the spirit brought from athletic events, and the joys and sorrows shared with our classmates; for these and many other reasons we dedicate this Tenth Anniversary TOMAHAWK to the school, to every phase of education and to the growth and betterment of West Mecklenburg High School through another ten years.

THE PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

West Mecklenburg first opened its doors to students in this school district in September, 1951. Only 325 students were enrolled with a faculty of 20 teachers that first year, quite a few less than the present enrollment of 850 students and a faculty of 38. This first year found the school without any school policies, without a student council and many other organizations and facilities that we now take for granted. The West campus was without an athletic field, a gym, and was not connected with the many paved walks that now exist. The first students found a limited curriculum.

In its second year, the school began to take on a more familiar appearance with the completion of the athletic field, installation of the P.A. system, and addition of paved walks. In 1952, the Student Body adopted a constitution which provided the foundation for the organizing of the Student Council.

Our beautiful gymnasium with two classrooms was added in 1954 and with the addition of the nine classrooms in the "new wing" West could be recognized as it is today. The consolidation of the school systems in 1960 has given West today an advanced curriculum with several college preparatory courses.

As you can see, the history of West Mecklenburg has been one of steady growth. We are grateful for this school and the lessons it has taught us in the past, for the opportunities of the present, and for the high hopes of a great tomorrow.

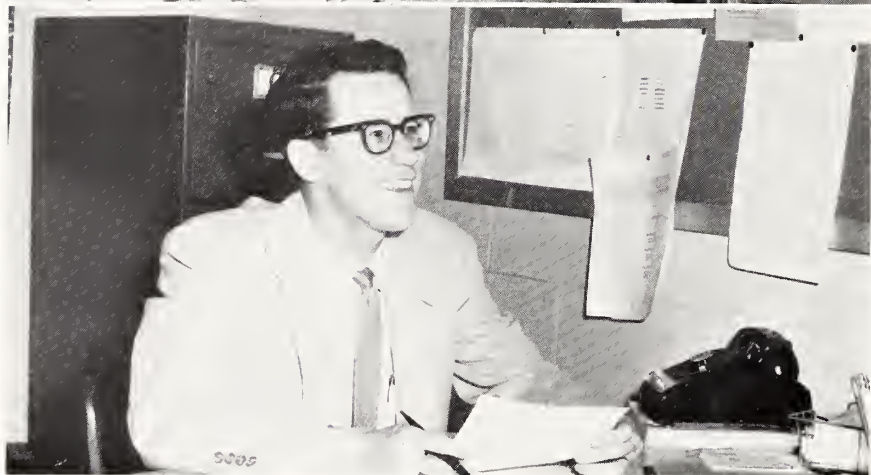
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ADMINISTRATION



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Assistant Principal



MR. WILLIAM TUCKER
Guidance Counselor

MRS. FAYE T. KEISTLER
Secretary and Treasurer

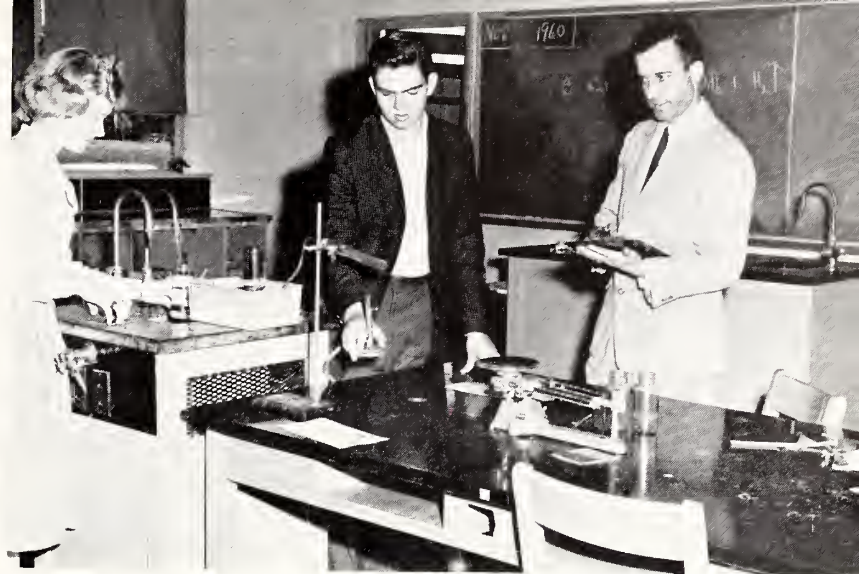


MRS. BARBARA J. TUCKER
Secretary



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 MISS NAOMI RUTH COX

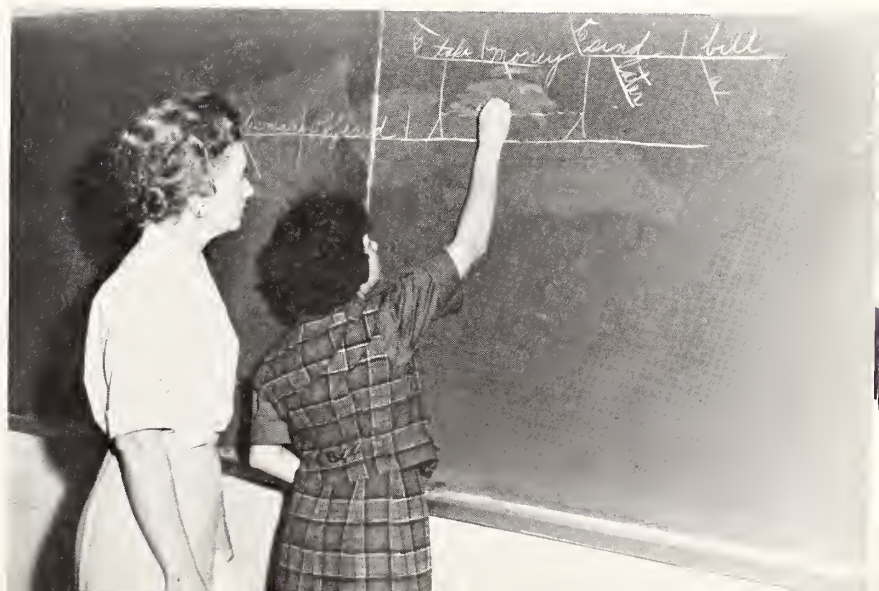


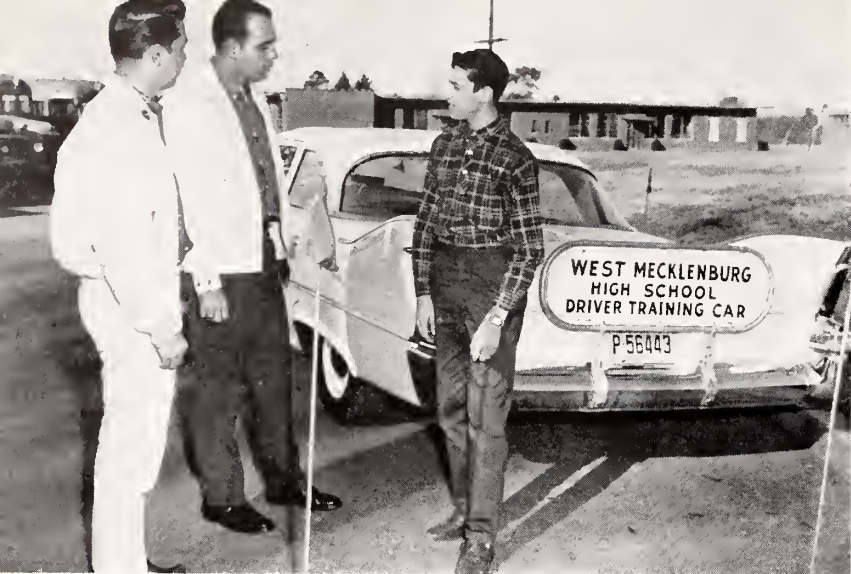
Barbara Hensley and Richard Law were enjoying their experiment until Mr. Coulter told them that they were doing the wrong one.



MR. ROBERT JACKSON DRYE
 MRS. PATSY H. FREEZE
 MISS JUANITA HAGLER
 MRS. MARY L. HARRIS
 MRS. BETTY LOVE HUNSUCKER
 MISS PEGGY J. JOHNSON

Mrs. Harris instructs Sharon Hendrix in the basic fundamentals needed later for senior English.





"Remember the life you save may be my own," Mr. Keeter instructs Sonny Burleson and Elliott Gaetano.

FACULTY

MR. THOMAS L. KEETER
MR. REGINALD LAVON LAYE
MRS. PEGGY M. LOWDERMILK
MR. FRANK MAENNLE
MRS. PEGGY HENRY McCARTER
MR. EDWARD L. MOORE



"Now leave some foliage," warns Mr. Drye as he teaches the art of pruning to Andrew Helton, Steve Kennedy and Harry Deese.



MR. KENNETH S. MOSELEY
MR. URIAH S. NORWOOD
MR. RONALD B. PATTERSON
MR. CHARLES W. PEARSON
MRS. LOUISE M. PORTER
MRS. NANCY W. RAGAN

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MRS. FRANCES K. ROSS
 MRS. HARRIET L. ROSS
 MRS. HANNIE G. RUNNION
 MRS. MARY L. SAINÉ
 MRS. RACHEL E. SHANNON
 MR. VANCE SCHRUM



Jerry Freeman, Ann Dillman, and Spencer Tinkham look the part as they play "Asleep in the Deep."



MISS NANCY SIDES
 MR. LLOYD ELWOOD STIFFLER
 MISS TIRZAH THAYER
 MR. WILLIAM TUCKER
 MR. JAMES A. WILSON

Not pictured:

MRS. ALICE P. FORBIS
 MR. THOMAS B. FREEMAN
 MRS. CAROLYN D. SHERRILL

With deadly precision Jimmy Cline, Lewis Cox, and Mr. Wilson create another of their plywood masterpieces.





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The classes of the year 1960-1961 have memories to share, while ten years of memories have been stored up since the beginning of West Mecklenburg High School.

The future beckons too; and as the seniors look forward to a world where books come to life, the sophomores and juniors can look forward to sharing the next years of learning, working, worrying, and laughing together. These are all major aspects of school life.

The Senior Class is facing graduation and already high school events are a series of memories. To the juniors they leave the dignity of seniority. Soon, in maroon robes, they will file out of school life and into a world which holds many opportunities.

C L A S S E S



FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

KARI EKSET

It has been a very special privilege for West to have Kari Margrete Ekset, of Levanger, Norway, here as our representative from the American Field Service.

Kari's ever-ready smile and warm personality have made a very special place for her in the hearts of those who have had the fortune of knowing her. Active in school affairs, Kari has served as treasurer of the French Club, a member of the Student Council, was sponsored by the Key Club in the Homecoming activities, and has been tapped into the Beta Club. Kari was also interested in the national election this year, and actively participated by reviewing both candidates during their Charlotte visits.

Kari's purpose in America is to bring an understanding of her country, its people, customs, ideals, and beliefs to the people of the United States. She also hopes that she will gain an understanding of the American students and their principles which she will pass on to her family and friends at home.

When she returns to Norway, Kari will have two more years of high school. This year at West, she is taking courses in college algebra, physical education, French II, American History, and English.

While here in America under the sponsorship of American Legion Post 262, Kari's home is with Mr. and Mrs. F. W. DeMeritt, Route 4, Douglas Drive, Charlotte, N. C.



D.A.R. GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Halifax Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presents each year the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award to an outstanding senior girl. To be selected for the high honor, one must possess the characteristics of leadership, dependability, scholarship, and service. Joyce Clanton is this year's recipient of this coveted award.

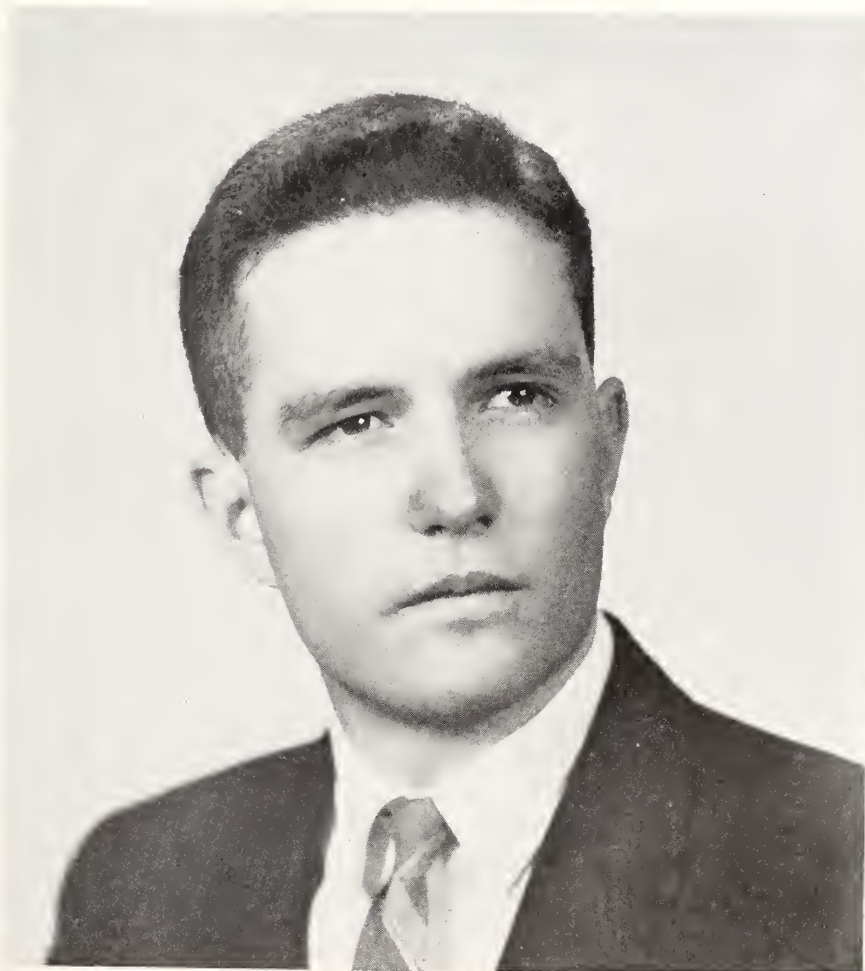
The great admiration of the Senior Class for Joyce was shown when they selected her "Most Popular Girl." She also serves as President of the Beta Club and is a member of the Student Council. As a junior, Joyce was a Junior Marshal and represented West at Girls' State at Woman's College in Greensboro, N. C.



AWARDS

CIVITAN GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

To a very deserving senior boy goes an honor and a title that fits his outstanding leadership and citizenship—that of the year's Civitan Good Citizenship Award. During all four years of Bill's high school career, he has excelled in numerous fields. This year, Bill Pursley participates as a Junior Rotarian, member of the Senior Safety Club, Boys' State Representative, President of the Student Council, and member of both the Beta Club and the Key Club. Bill was also selected by his classmates as "Best All-round Senior Boy."





SENIOR CLASS

GORDON BURNETTE COLEY *President*

CLARENCE MICHAEL SPAIN *Vice-President*

MARTHA JO WINSTON *Secretary*

FABIUS AVERY MITCHELL *Treasurer*

SENIOR CLASS OF 1961

Steve Baldwin and Guen McCracken help to celebrate book week with the suggestions of Mrs. Helen Barr, librarian.

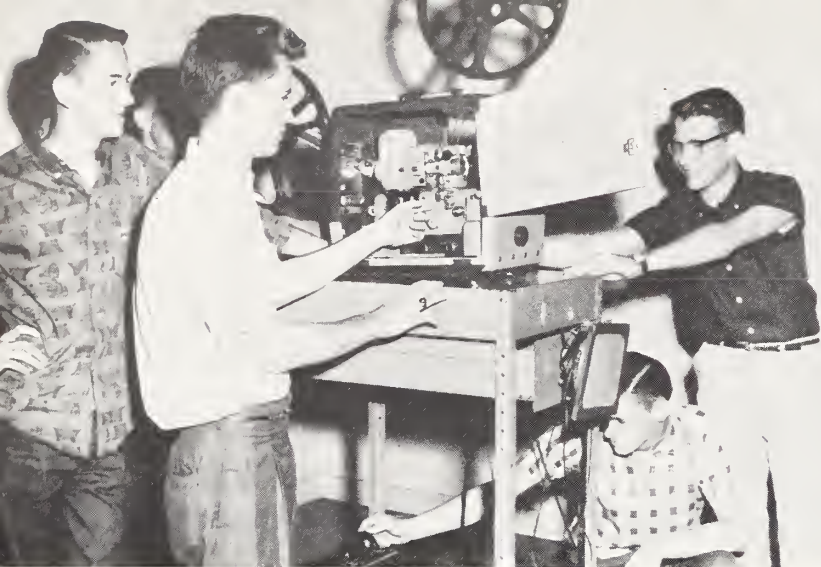


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NICKOLAS RANDALL ABERNATHY
SANDRA JANE ABERNATHY
JOHN DENNIS ADAMS
WILLIAM LEE ADAMS
JENNY LINDA ARROWOOD

HUGH JEROME AUTEN
SYBIL ANN BAILEY
BARBARA JEAN BAKER
DENNIS ARNOLD BAKER
HERBERT HOYLE BAKER
HAROLD STEPHEN BALDWIN

CYNTHIA GAIL BALLENGER
JAMES WILLIAM BARNETTE, JR.
KAREN ETHEL BATCHELER
LUCIA ANNETTE BEARDEN
CAROLYN YVONNE BEATY
RICHARD JOSEPH BEHR





Billy Don McClure, Dennis Baker, Gerald Turner, and Mickey Powell are the stars behind the scenes in the Audio-Visual room.

DESSIE LAVERNE BIGGERS
MARY ELIZABETH BLACKMAN
SHIRLEY JEAN BLACKWELL
HAROLD DONALD BLALOCK
RAYMOND EUGENE BOOKER
DIANE BOONE

WILLIAM PHILIP BRASWELL
ALICE FAYE BRIDGES
OLIVIA KAY BROOKS
TEDDY HAMPTON BROOKS
JACK YOUNG BROWN
ALFRED KENNETH BROWN

IRIS JEANETTE BYRD
VIVIAN ANN CAMPBELL
VIRGINIA RUTH CANADAY
DONALD EUGENE CANNON
HARRIET LEE CATHEY
SHEILA RUTH CATHEY



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JOYCE ANN CLANTON
JAMES LEE CLINE
ELIZABETH ROSE COCHRAN
LINDA REBECCA COCHRANE
DOUGLAS EDWARD COFFEY
GORDON BURNETTE COLEY

SANDRA VICKI CONDER
ROBERT HENRY COSTNER
RONALD DEARMOND CRUMP
PATRICIA LOY CURRAN
JAMES EDWARD DAGENHART
JAMES CARROLL DALRYMPLE

SYLVIA LOUISE DAVIS
PEGGY RUTH DEAN
GLORIA FRANCES DEATON
RICHARD HARRY DEESE
JOYCE JEAN DELLINGER
MARJORIE ANN DEMERITT



SENIOR CLASS OF 1961

DAVID EDWARD DICKERSON
MARSHALL DEAN DISHMAN
CAROL ANN DRUM
MAC DUNN, II
JUDY DIANE EARLE
PHILLIP RAY EARLY

RICHARD WARREN EARLY
KARI MARGRETE EKSET
LINDA IRENE ELLER
ANDREA GAIL ELLIOT
JAMES HERBERT ENGLISH, JR.
MAIJA ASTRIDE ERNESTSONS

SARA JEAN ESTES
PHYLIS ANN FALLS
LINDA RAE FERRELL
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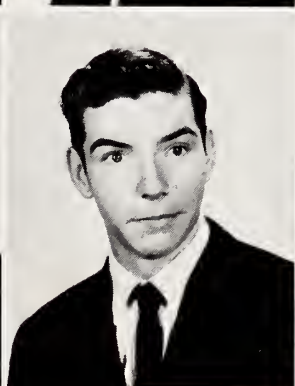
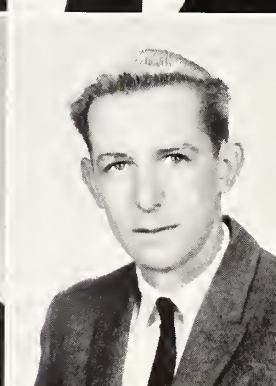
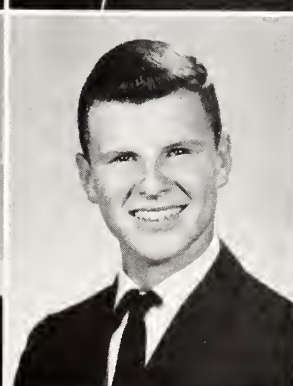
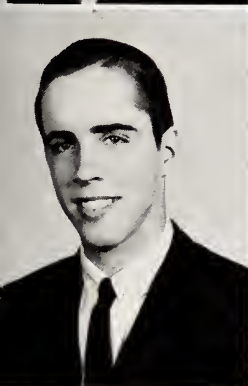
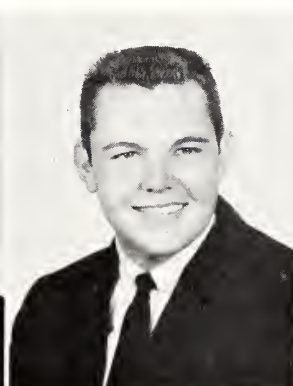
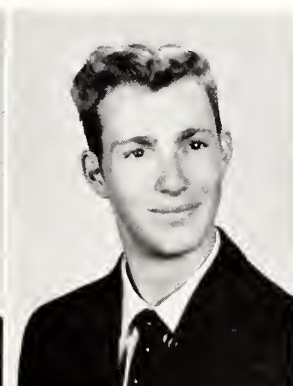
"It's about time!" exclaim Key Clubbers Gerald Goodman, Mike Spain, and Gerald Turner.



JUDITH ANN FLEMING
THOMAS ALBERT FLOWE, JR.
JOAN PHYLLIS FLOYD
GILES ODELL FOXX, JR.
JERRY THOMAS FREEMAN
MARTHA CARLEEN FRODGE

PAUL MARTIN GARMON, JR.
MARILYN DIANE GAY
OVETA GENE GILLILAND
BRENDA ANN GLADDEN
FREDRICK DARROLL GODLEY
JOHN CLARENCE GODLEY

WALTER GERALD GOODMAN
KENNETH MICHAEL GOWDER
MICHAEL OLIVER GRAVLIN
NANCY LORETTA GRAYSON
LOUISE NANCY GREEN
FRANCES LINDA GUINEY





Diana Teague auctions, "Going once . . . going twice . . . sold!" to representative Nancy Hargett for West's display of school spirit.

HARVEY BOYD HAGER
GARY WILLIAM HALL
JAMES FREDERICK HAMILTON
LINDA GRACE HANCOCK
CAROLYN VIRGINIA HANEY
GERALD DAVID HARBEN

NANCY ANNE HARGETT
BILLIE ANNE HARRIS
ROBERT E. HARTMAN, JR.
FRANK BRIAN HARVEY
TERRY LEROY HASKETT
HUBERT ROWE HASS, JR.

EMILY JANE HAWKINS
FRANKIE MAE HELMS
NELDA LATONIA HELMS
BARBARA JEAN HENDERSON
BARBARA SUE HENSLEY
GEORGE CARL HENSLEY



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MARY GAYNELL HILTON
JOHN LEMUEL HOOVER, JR.
GAYLE MEDLIN HOVIS
ERNEST COLBURN HOWELL
CAROLYN ELIZABETH HUCKS
JAMES OLIN HUDSON

LINDA CLINE HUDSON
VIRGINIA LEE HUFFMAN
MACK THOMPSON HUNTER
ANNA MARIAH HYDER
DUDNEY MARVIN JARNIGAN
GEORGE ANDREW JOHNSON

JAMES DEAN JOINSON
RONALD LEE JOHNSTON
DARLENE MARIE JONES
JUDY ELAINE JUSTICE
CANDACE KANE KEENER
FREDERICK LOCKLING KEIGHTLEY



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SANDRA GAIL KEISTLER
PATRICIA ELIZABETH KELLY
WILLIAM PATRICK KELLY
BURWELL FRANCIS KENDRICK
RUTH LAVON KENNEDY
PHYLLIS ANN KIKER

HARVEY FRANKLIN KINLEY
TAMERA JEAN KIRBY
VIRGIE REGENIA KIRBY
JERRY WAYNE KIRKMAN
THOMAS WILLIAM LACY
CHARLES FRANK LANE

EMMA RUTH LAWING
YOUNG JOHN LEE
LARRY GENE LEVY
WILLIAM THOMAS LOFTIS
PAUL EDWARD LONG, III
BARBARA DEYONE LOVE



*Another medalist award? We hope! Anticipate
Teresa Roberts and Joyce Clanton.*



JANICE PHIFER LUDWICK
ENOS SPENCER LUTHER, III
MARY CHARLES LYNN
RONALD DALE LYNN
WINIFRED LOREEN MANGUM
HAL BORDEN MARTIN, III

JANET NADINE MARTIN
PAMELA JO McCALL
TERRY WAYNE McCARTER
BILLY DON McCLURE
CHARLES VERNON McCORD
SARA JEAN McCORKLE

GUENDALL GUTHRIE McCracken
MICHAEL EUGENE McGEE
CHARLES TERRY McINTOSH
ROBERT VERNON McLEMORE
LEWIS HAROLD McSWAIN
ANN STEWART MEDLIN





"Who me?" questioned Juanita Alexander as she was pinned into the Beta Club by President Joyce Clanton.

JUNE CHEEK MILLER
SANDRA GAYLE MILLER
FABIUS AVERY MITCHELL
JERALD ALLEN MITCHELL
NANCY RAE MOBLEY
THOMAS BOYD MOORE

EDWARD KEITH NESBIT
LYNDA MAE NESBIT
HAZEL JUANITA NICHOLSON
EUGENE FRANKLIN OLIVER
WILLIAM FORREST OSBORNE
RICHARD LANCE OWEN

SHIRLEY EILEEN PERKINS
JAMES MILFORD PETTUS
VIRGINIA GAIL PETTUS
MOLLY DIANE PIGG
MELVIN WAYNE POWELL
REBA ANN PRESSLEY



SENIOR CLASS OF 1961

RONALD FRED PRICE
 WILLIAM ELGIN PURSLEY, JR.
 TERESA ANITA QUEEN
 BAXTER SANFORD REAVIS, JR.
 GRAY ABIGAIL RECTOR
 ROBERT PRICE REID

RAYMOND GRESHAM RHAMES
 CAROLE ANITA RIGGS
 EARL FRANKLIN RITCH
 LARRY MCBRIDE ROBERTS
 TERESA JANE ROBERTS
 CLARENCE EDWARD ROSEMAN

LOLA DIANNE ROSS
 CAROLE ANN ROSSER
 KEITH ATWOOD RUSSELL
 RONALD HENDRIX SADLER
 GLORIA DIANE SANDERS
 VICKIE MARIE SANDERS



SENIOR CLASS OF 1961

SANDRA LEE SANDERSON
BEVERLY ANN SCHELL
BETTY RUTH SELF
JERRIE LAVAUGHN SHIVAR
DEWEY LEE SIMMS
EDWIN HENKEL SING

PATRICIA DIANN SISK
CHARLOTTE LOUISE SMITH
JANICE ARLEEN SMITH
MARY ELIZABETH SMITH
WRISTON MCCAIN SMITH
CELIA ELAINE SNAVELY

CLARENCE MICHAEL SPAIN
PEGGY ELIZABETH SPURRIER
CYNTHIA JANE SQUIRES
LINDA JANE STEGALL
HANNAH SUE STIKELEATHER
MARY LOU STILWELL





"How's the weather up there, Sandy?" asked cheerleaders, Beth Wilkes, Jane Hawkins, Teresa Roberts and Carole Rosser.

ROBERT FOY STILLWELL
LARRY WAYNE STROUD
DIANA GERTRUDE TEAGUE
PHYLLIS GAIL THOMAS
WILLIAM ALEXANDER THOMAS
VIRGINIA FRANCES THOMPSON

PAMELA ANNE THRAILKILL
YOLANDA HUBBARD THROWER
ROSE MARIE TRAKAS
GERALD ALLEN TURNER
MARY EVELYN WALLACE
JUDITH ANN WALTERS

WILLIAM JASPER WARD
FLOYD LEONARD WHEELER
CODY JANE WHITE
MARY ELIZABETH WILKES
DEANNA WILLIAMS
SARAH SAVILLE WILLIAMS





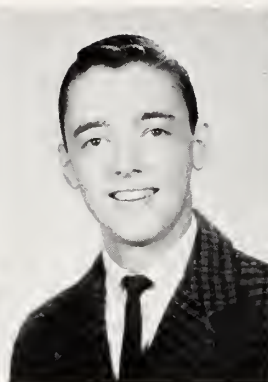
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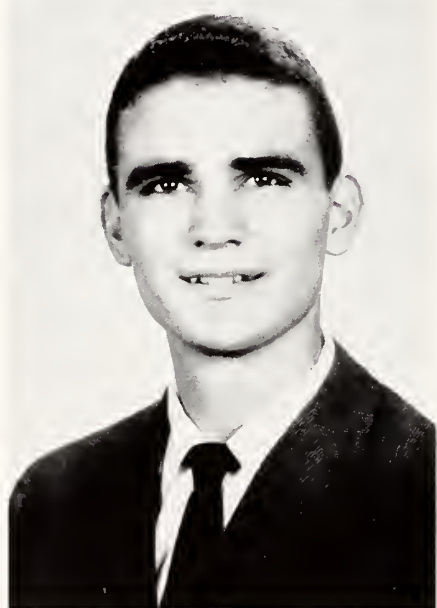


WILLIAM MARION YOUNG



JOHN WILLIAMS ZIMMERMAN

HONORS



GORDON COLEY

Gordon, at home in a college algebra class or on the football field, does an A-plus job wherever you find him. This is evident in the fact that he was a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship.

Gordon was also one of the high school seniors from Mecklenburg County to win a Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

He did excellent work as president of the Senior Class, and was ranked first in his class of 245 students.

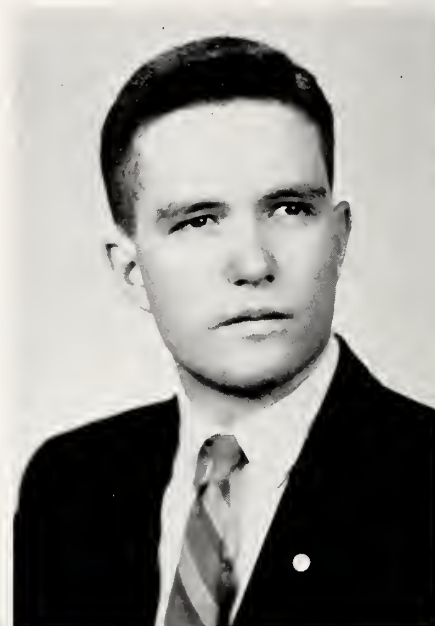


JOYCE CLANTON

The faculty of West Mecklenburg selected Joyce Clanton as this year's "Miss Hi Miss" for her outstanding service to her church, school, and community. Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., invites each "Miss Hi Miss" to spend a week end on Winthrop College Campus from March 17 to 19. "Miss Hi Miss" is sponsored by the Winthrop College student newspaper, the *Johnsonian*.

Some of Joyce's achievements include being president of the Senior Hi Fellowship at Steel Creek Presbyterian Church, a choir member, and a church librarian. She also serves as State Clerk of the Mecklenburg Presbytery.

As Girls' State Representative, Joyce attended Woman's College in Greensboro, N. C., and was elected chairman of the Nationalist Party, one of the two political parties at Girls' State.



BILL PURSLEY

Bill not only serves West Mecklenburg in an outstanding manner, but also his church and community. He is moderator of the Mecklenburg Presbytery Youth Council and a member of his Church Choir.

He was president of his sophomore and junior classes and is president of the Student Council at West Mecklenburg this year. As chairman of the Southeastern Area Advisory Council of the Junior Red Cross, he will join the council in May of this year at Cincinnati for the national convention of the Junior Red Cross. This past fall, he attended a meeting in Washington to help plan senior high Red Cross activities on a national level.

In the world of politics, Bill served as the President of the Mecklenburg County Teenage Democrats' Club.

He is one of the high school seniors from Mecklenburg County to win the Angier B. Duke Memorial Scholarship to Duke University, Durham, N. C.



TERESA ROBERTS

GORDON COLEY

MR. AND MISS WEST HIGH

Selecting a Mr. and Miss West High is indeed a task with so many qualifying, but when the students' opinion was recorded in the final ballot, Teresa Roberts and Gordon Coley were chosen for their versatility.

As Miss West High, Teresa certainly deserves the medal for her hardworking and undying enthusiasm which helps maintain much of our school spirit. She serves well this year as Editor of the TOMAHAWK, member of the Beta Club, and as a cheerleader. She was also a runner-up both for Homecoming Queen and Senior Beauty.

Mr. West High, Gordon, serves the school in a different capacity. His light shines brightest from his scholastic abilities, but this does not mean that he did not play a good game of football. Service to his fellow students includes being President of the Senior Class, President of the Science Club and a member of the Beta Club and Key Club.

All of their activities and their personalities made their fellow students give them this honor which is most coveted by all Seniors.



JUNIOR CLASS

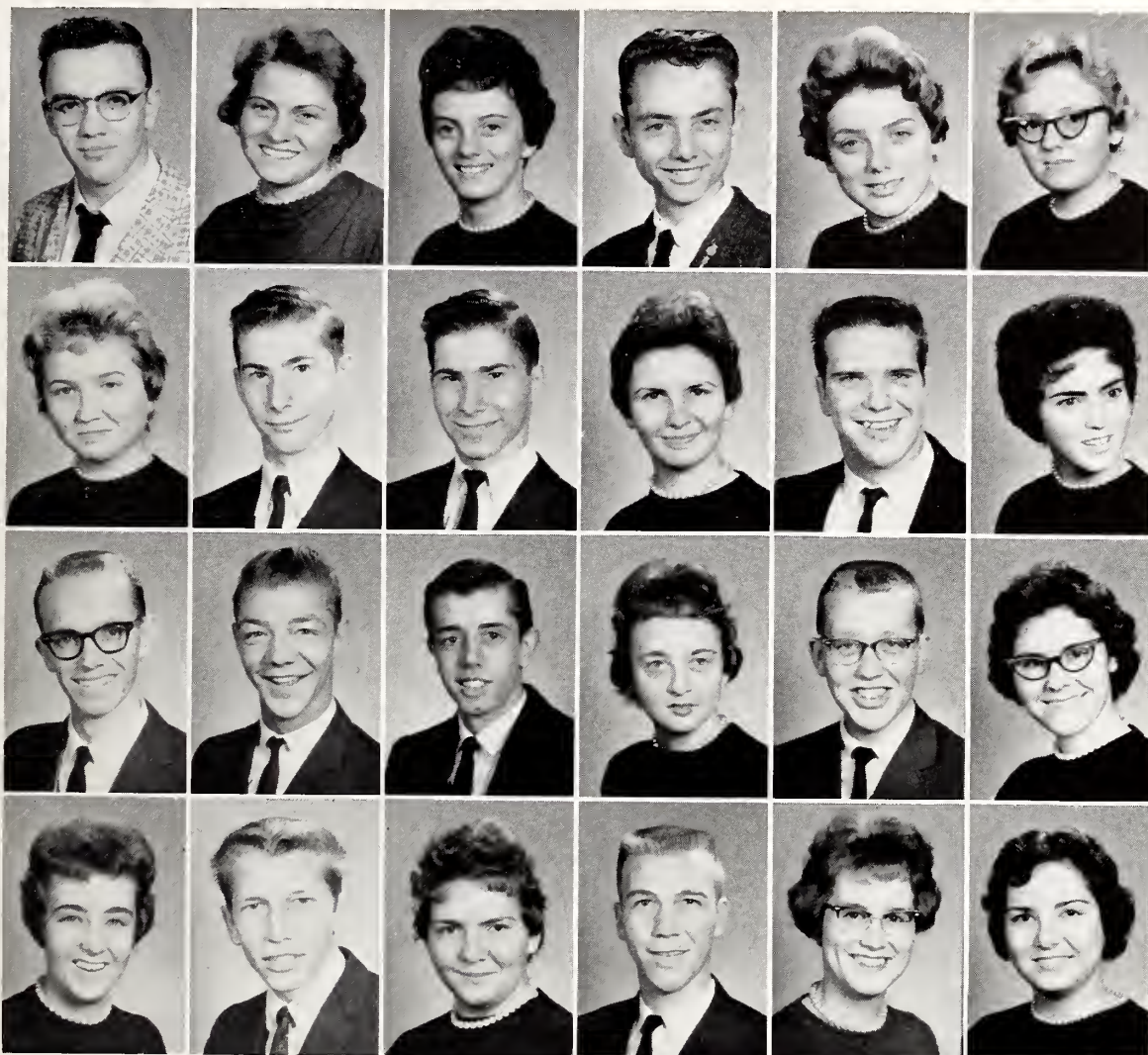
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DEANNA KAY THOMPSON Vice-President

CAROL SUE HARKEY Secretary

DONNY ELWYN LEMMOND Treasurer

JUNIORS



JOE ABERNATHY
LINDA ABERNATHY
LINDA ADAMS
DANNY AKINS
JUANITA ALEXANDER
ANN ALLRED

SHERRY ANGLIN
LARRY AUTEN
LAURIE AUTEN
RUBY AUTEN
LARRY BAGWELL
ELAINE BAKER

CHARLES BARNETTE
JOHNNY BEACHAM
LUCIUS BENNETT
MINEVA BENNETT
MILTON BIGGER
REBECCA BIGGERSTAFF

PAULETTE BISHOP
JACK BLYTHE
SHIRLEY BOATWRIGHT
LEON BOLICK
BETTY BOYLES
SANDRA BRASWELL

MIKE BRIDGES
CECIL BROCK
LINDA BROOKS
TOMMY BROOKS
PAT BROOME
BARRY BROTHERTON

JUDY BROWN
JOHN BRUTON
TOMMY BURKE
GERALD BURKHOLDER
RICHARD BYRUM
CAROL CABELL

FRANKIE CANUP
SUE CARITHERS
DELORES CARROLL
PERRY CARVER
DONNA CATHEY
ANNE CHERRY

MILDRED CHRISTENBURY
JOSEPHINE CLARK
RONNIE CLINE
STEVE CLINE
MELODY CLIPPARD
DALE CLONINGER



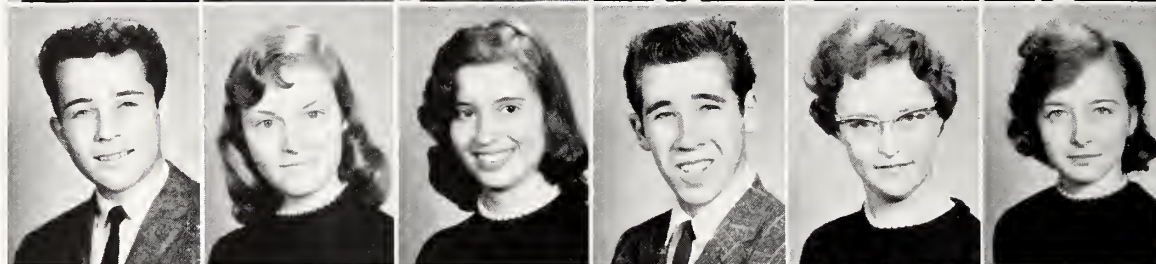
JUNIORS

LEWIS COWAN
LEWIS COX
DONNA DABBS
BETH DAVIS
JEFF DAVIS
LINDA DEAN

SARAH DELLINGER
MARGARET DENISTON
ANN DILLMAN
JERRY DIXON
LINDA DOSTER
JOHNNY DUNN

RICHARD DURRANCE
JUDY EARNEY
LINDA EARNEY
RONALD EDWARDS
CAROLYN ELLIOTT
CAROL FARMER

JOANNE FORBES
LARRY FORD
JUDY GARDNER
HELEN GASKINS
MARTHA GLADDEN
DILLY GLOVER



CHARLOTTE GOODSON
RUBY GRANT
BRENDA GRASS
SANDRA GREENE
DONALD GRIFFIN
LINDA HAMMER

RONNY HARBEN
CAROL SUE HARKEY
TIM HARRIS
DIANNE HARRISON
SANDRA HAWKINS
BILLY HELMS

JOHN HERBY
JOE HINSHAW
PATSY HOARD
HELEN HOLMES
CAROLYN HOVIS
JUDY HOWIE

GERALD HUDSON
TOMMY HUDSON
LARRY HUGGINS
RONNIE HUNTER
MIKE HUSTON
JIMMY HYDER

JUNIORS



JUDY INGRAM
PHYLLIS JACKSON
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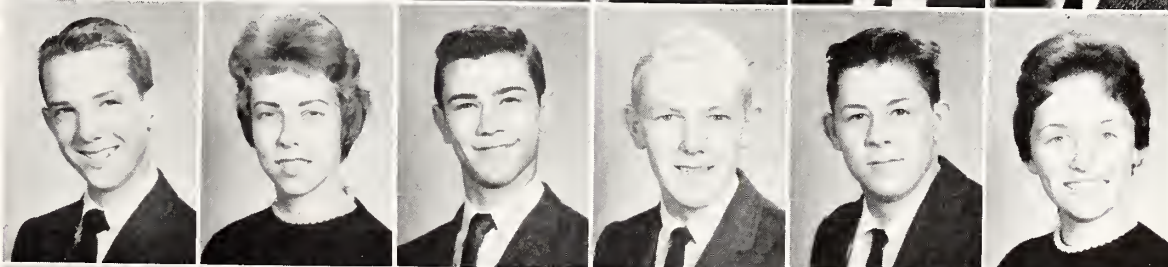
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H O N O R S



LINDA BROOKS

The North Carolina Future Teachers of America Convention was held at Woman's College in Greensboro, N. C. Attended by delegates from every F. T. A. Club in the State, the Convention held its one-day meeting on November 19. One of the purposes of the Convention was to elect a new President from the hundreds of delegates. The nominating took place, campaign speeches were made, the delegates voted, and Linda Brooks was elected.

This was truly an honor to Linda and to West Mecklenburg. Linda will serve most capably as President of the State Future Teachers of America.

Linda attended the State N.C.E.A. meeting in Asheville, N. C., March 23-25, as a platform guest. She participated in the meetings of the student N.E.A. groups from the various colleges throughout the state.

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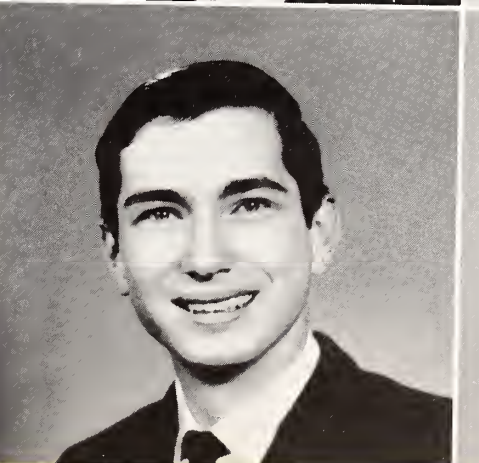
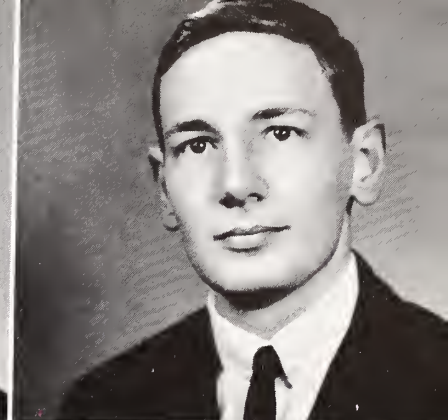
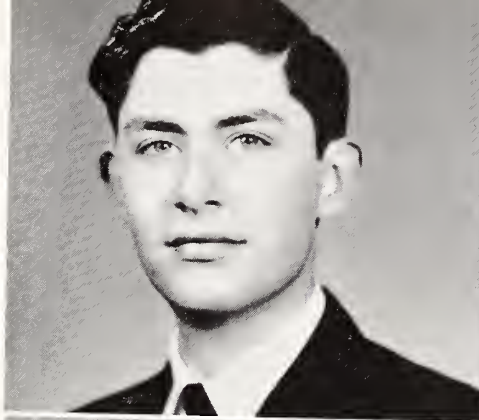
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These ten students lead the Senior Class procession on Senior Awards and Honor Day when scholarships and awards are presented. It is their privilege to assist at the Baccalaureate Sermon and to usher at the graduation exercises.





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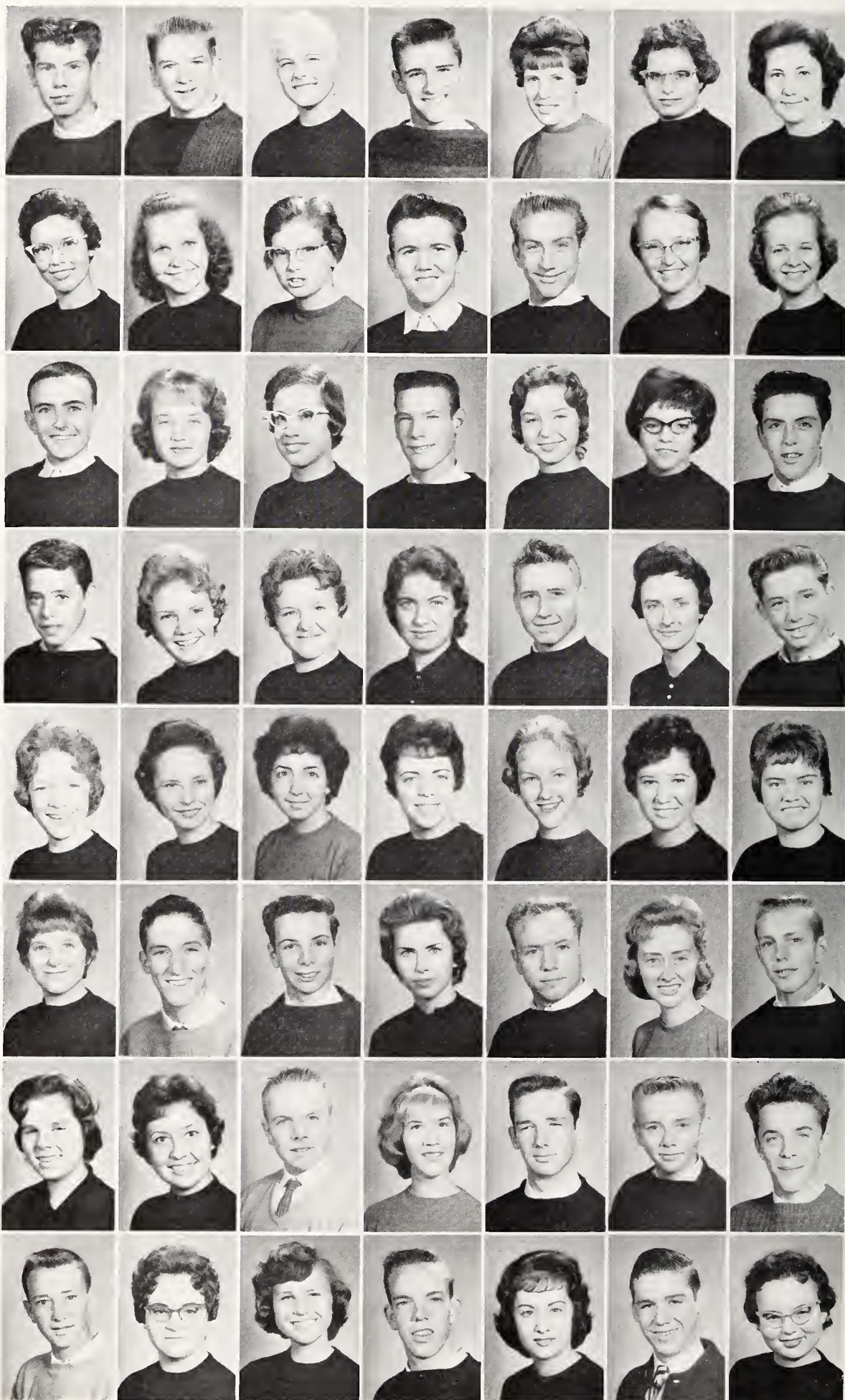
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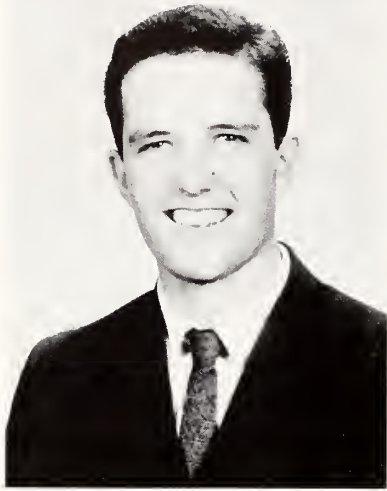
For ten years many hands, heads, and hearts have been working together to achieve completion of goals. We give the warmth of friendship to one another and thus encourage growth to maturity.

There are organizations for every purpose and person in our school. Emphasis varies from scholarship to entertainment and fun. Students frequently find themselves in several groups at one time.

Encouragement is given to the students' participation in school organizations, hoping that these activities will provide the student with social training for his future life.

ACTIVITIES

STUDENT BUILDING TODAY FOR



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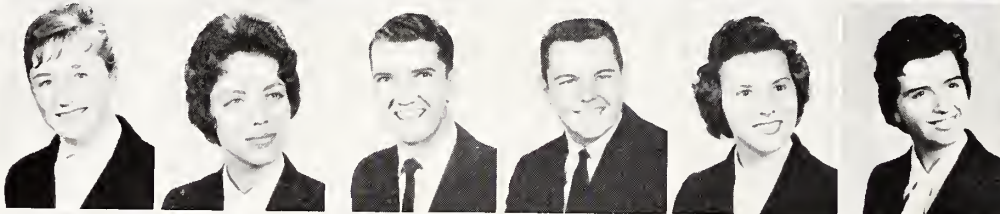
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The Student Council provides an opportunity for students to develop leadership and responsibility, while rendering a service to their school. The Council is composed of class presidents, homeroom presidents, club presidents and representatives from other school activities. Through this body, each student is represented and the opinions of the entire student body are reflected.

With its motto, "Striving to promote leadership, fellowship, scholarship, through unity is our goal," as the foundation, the Student Council attempts to co-ordinate the resources of the student body to reach toward a year of academic achievement, social development and citizenship improvement.



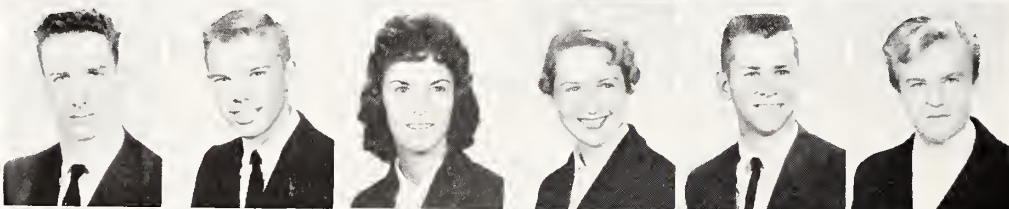
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COUNCIL

A DECISIVE TOMORROW

To make more meaningful this endeavor, this year's Student Council has chosen as its emphasis, "Building today for a Decisive Tomorrow." New Student Council projects are chosen with the emphasis in mind and are evaluated accordingly.

Through the eleven Student Council Committees the various activities are carried out, with membership to those committees open to the entire student body.

The Student Council, in essence, is a laboratory for the practice of democratic principles which should be a part of every student's understanding.



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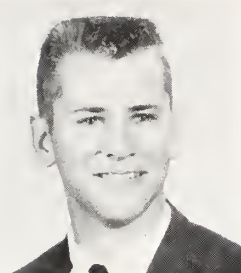
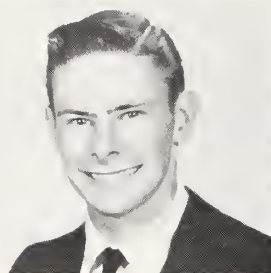
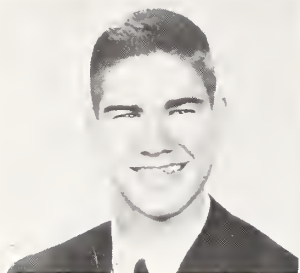
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K E Y C L U B

The purpose of the Key Club is to stimulate and promote leadership in academic, sports, and school activities, and to provide an association for those boys of our school who obtain leadership ability.

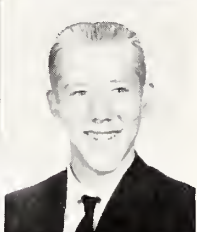
The Key Club holds meetings at school once a month and twice a month in the homes of members of the Key Club. Members are also privileged to attend leadership

workshops, caucuses, and conventions sponsored by district Key Clubs and Kiwanis Clubs.

The major plans for the Key Club at West are the School Activities Billboard to be placed on the front lawn of the school and historical data for the sports trophy case.



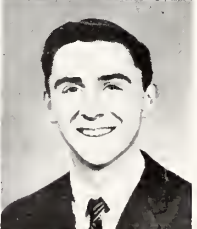
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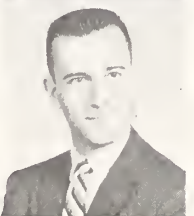
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B E T A C L U B

Membership in the West Mecklenburg Beta Club is based on the combined three year average of 94, the maintaining of a 90 average, and faculty approval.

The objectives of the National Beta Club are to promote citizenship and leadership, to encourage fellowship

and cooperation, to reward effort and achievement, and to inspire honesty and tolerance.

Plans for the year include the issuing of the Student Directory to students and faculty, and the sending of boxes of cookies to former Beta Club members who are now in colleges.

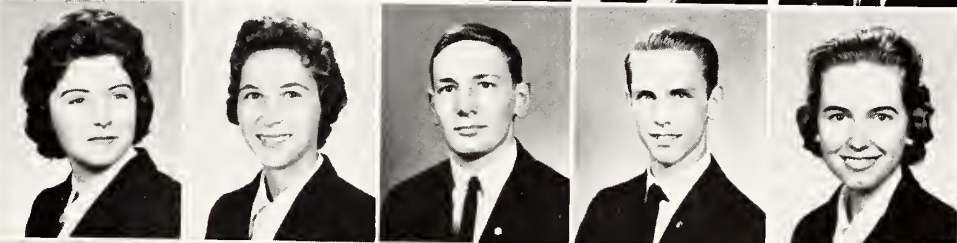
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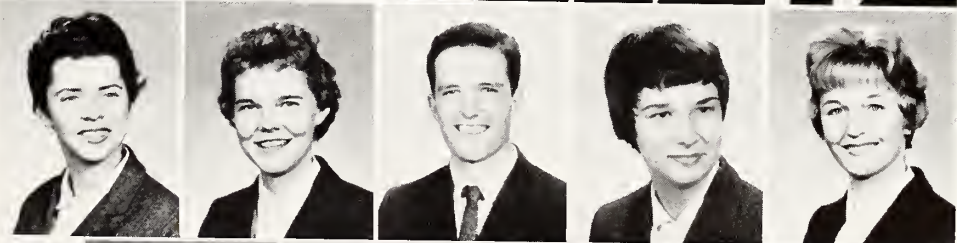
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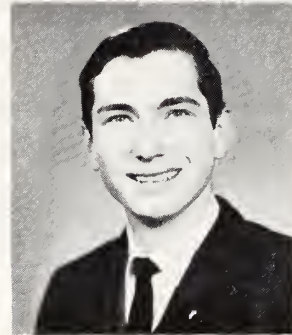
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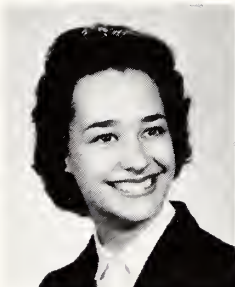
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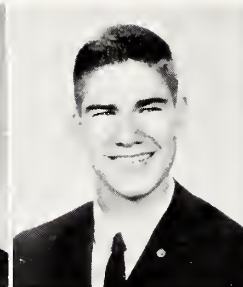
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Work is continually built up for the editorial staff from the spring of the previous year until the dummy is completed and sent to press. Assisting the editors throughout all phases of work are Tommy Burke, Mrs. Hannie Runnion, *adviser*, Frank Hodges, Brenda Nash, Cecilia Scarnechia, Juanita Alexander, Frank Ramsey, Susi Eskildsen, and Judi Entrekkin.



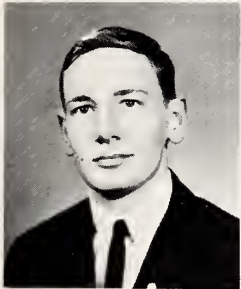
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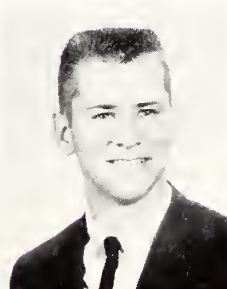
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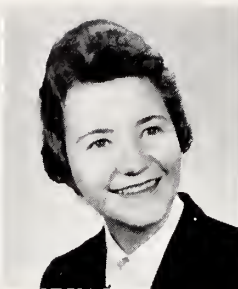
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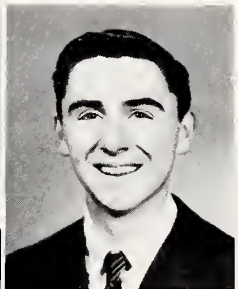
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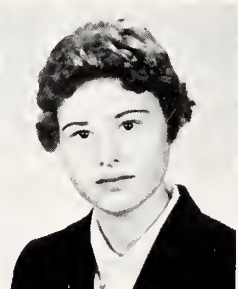


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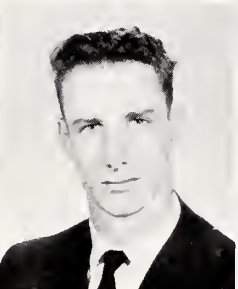
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Feature Editor



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Sports Editor



JUDY FLEMING
Production Manager

The purpose of the *Bow and Arrow*, the school paper, is to promote interest in journalism and to give the students the opportunity to apply journalistic principles learned in class. The *Bow and Arrow* strives to give an accurate and complete coverage of the news at West Mecklenburg.

Because of the hard work of the journalism class in selling advertisements, West will have letter press paper this year. The newspaper has progressed from mimeo-

graphed to offset, and now to letter press, which is the type paper that most of the Mecklenburg schools have. Six issues of the paper are planned for this year.

The *Bow and Arrow* staff is composed of Eugene Oliver, Hoke Smith, Sandra Green, Nancy Mobley, Reba Pressley, Judy Justice, Peggy Dean, Charlie Barnette, Jerry Mitchell, Gloria Sanders, Gene Whisnant, Linda Stegall, Gloria Deaton, and Bobbie Baker, and is under the direction of Mrs. Harriet Ross.



BOYS' STATE

Each summer four outstanding rising seniors are selected from each high school by the American Legion to attend the University of North Carolina for one week to study state government. These boys should possess such outstanding traits as ability in leadership, intelligence, dependability, honesty, and integrity.

The representatives from West Mecklenburg this year were as follows: Gordon Coley, Mike Spain, Bub Mitchell, and Bill Pursley.



GIRLS' STATE

Each year the faculty and American Legion Auxiliary representatives choose outstanding girls from the Junior Class to attend the Tar Heel Girls' State on the campus of Woman's College, Greensboro, N. C. These girls met with 313 other North Carolinians for one week in June. They organized their own city and county governments and elected their officials.

Delegates to Girls' State were Nancy Hargett, Joyce Clanton, Pam McCall, and Candy Keener.



JUNIOR ROTARIANS

The Junior Rotarians are chosen to represent West Mecklenburg at the monthly luncheon meetings of the Rotary Clubs of Charlotte. Representatives are picked on the basis of their scholarship, honesty, and integrity. Each of these young men attends the meetings one day each week for one month and hears interesting speakers, sees films, and meets many of the distinguished businessmen of Charlotte. The purpose of these meetings is to acquaint the young leaders of today with the demands of the business world, which they will be a part of tomorrow.

The Junior Rotarians for this year are Gerald Goodman, Gerald Turner, Gordon Coley, Bill Pursley, Mike Spain, and Bub Mitchell.



The Glee Club, consisting of 92 voices, presents secular and sacred programs during the school year. The Glee Club represents West Mecklenburg at a number of religious, civic, and social gatherings in our community. The members gain spiritual as well as aesthetic values and learn the importance of dependability and cooperation.

GLEE

GIRLS' ENSEMBLE



BASSES, BARITONES, TENORS

CLUB

The objectives of the West Mecklenburg High School Glee Club are to develop enjoyment in hearing and singing good choral music, to learn to sing well the best representative Glee Club literature suitable for school and community programs, festivals, and competitions and to grow in the knowledge of the factors which improve general musicianship.

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COMMERCIAL CLUB

The purpose of the Commercial Club is to develop good wholesome business leadership, to create interest in choosing a business future and to encourage helpful and educational projects.

The members of the Commercial Club are those students who are enrolled in a commercial course and who

maintain a "B" average throughout the year in these subjects.

The Commercial Club plans to visit offices and to invite business men to talk to them on office rules and qualifications, which will benefit those who are planning to enter the business world.

Plans for the NOMA Award start here with Linda Simpson, Mrs. Peggy McCarter, Linda Guiney, Mrs. Nancy Ragan, and Mary Kay Loy.

OVETA GILLILAND	President
LINDA ARROWOOD	Vice-President
TONI HELMS	Secretary
GAYLE HOVIS	Treasurer
MRS. PEGGY MCCARTER	Adviser

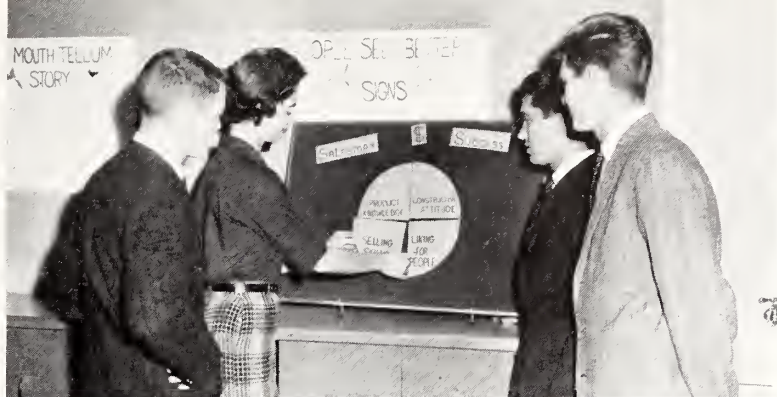


D. E. CLUB

The purpose of the West Mecklenburg Distributive Education Club is to develop leadership qualities, and to provide social activities to take the place of many school functions which the D. E. students have to miss.

The D. E. Club is very active, as it participates in local, district, and state contests. Regular meetings are held on the local level. The members also enter the "Sears-Foundation" Contest and attend the D. E. State Convention.

Evaluation of the D. E. program is made annually and it has been proven that the projects are worthwhile. A wealth of training and experience is provided for each member. Mrs. Peggy Mask Lowdermilk is director of the D. E. Program.



JERRY FLANNIGAN	President
RONNIE CRUMP	Vice-President
PATSY HOARD	Associate President
JUDY WALTERS	Secretary
MACKIE HUNTER	Treasurer
GARY HALL	Parliamentarian





MUSIC MAKERS

The Music Makers play an important part in sports and extra-curricular activities of West Mecklenburg High School this year. They have been present at football and basketball games, and at pep rallies. Their presence at these games helps boost the spirit of the fans.

With the increased interest of the students, the Music Makers have increased in excellence and variety of music. As the club does not meet daily, each member must find time to practice after school and during the monthly meeting.

One of the main highlights of the year is the music festival in which bands from different schools play together. Another activity that marks the growing importance of the West Mecklenburg Band is the fact that it was asked to play for a political rally at Park Center.

Jerry Freeman *President*
Mr. Lloyd Stiffler *Adviser*



DRAMATICS CLUB

"There's no business like show business" is an expression we, of the Dramatics Club, have come to understand a little better this year. Actors and actresses, playwrights, and directors seem dedicated to their field. They have tried to find out why, "The show must go on!"

The Dramatics Club is made up of members of the dramatics class. The club members participate in various pantomimes, monologues, and skits. Some of these were written by the class members themselves and were well received.

Sammy Smith *President*
Cynthia Ballenger *Vice-President*
Jane Hawkins *Secretary & Treasurer*
Mrs. Patsy Freeze *Adviser*



ART CLUB

In order to allow talented students to develop their interests in art, a new club has been formed at West—the Art Club.

The Art Club strives to promote an interest in art as a vocation or hobby by exhibiting outstanding compositions of the club members. Attractive displays of student work can always be found in the art room on display for the entire student body.

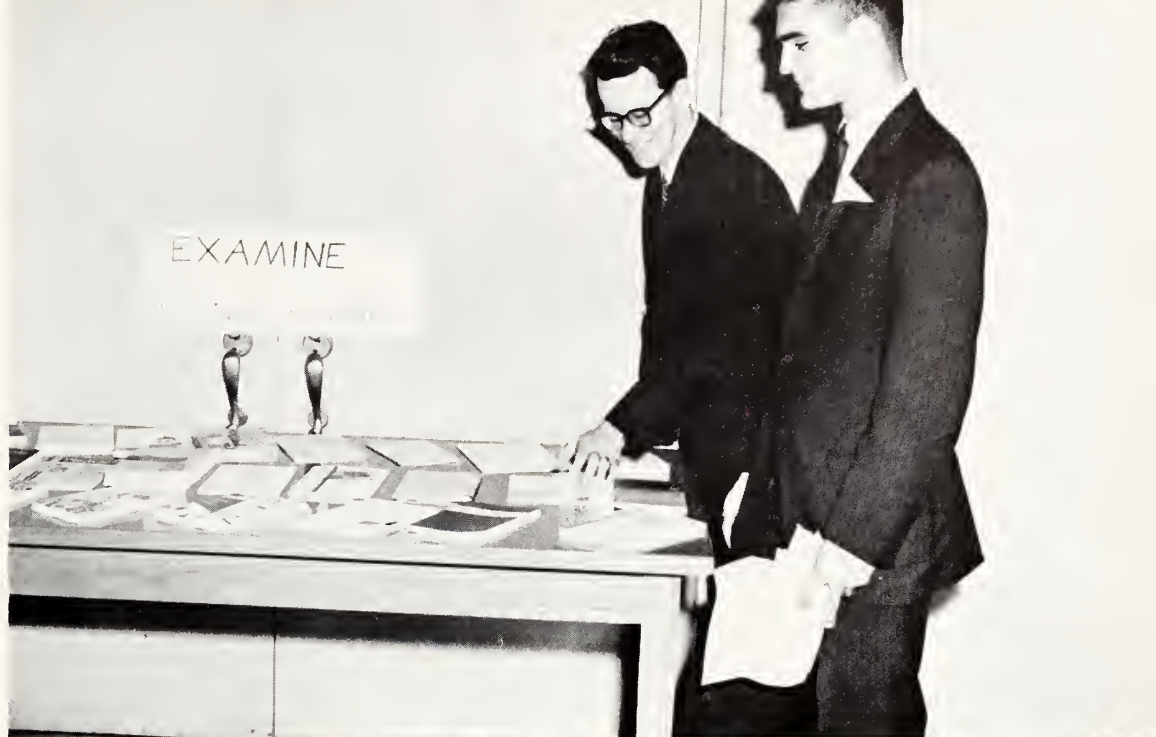
Steve Baldwin *President*
Miss Tirzah Ann Thayer *Adviser*

COLLEGE DAY

Forty-two colleges and universities, ranging from Virginia to Florida and offering various academic opportunities, were represented on College Day, November 16. The Senior Class President, Gordon Coley, and the Guidance Instructor, Mr. William Tucker, planned this very effective and enjoyable day. The purpose was to prevent last-minute college preparations.

Representatives spent the afternoon in the West gym talking with the students about their after-graduation plans, and giving first-hand information. Pamphlets, catalogues, and yearbooks were available. Each class attended separately and the Senior Class was allowed more time.

Guides were selected on a voluntary basis from the three grades to be hosts to the representatives. Each was assigned two colleges, at least one of which he was himself seriously considering. They greeted their representatives, took them to their respective desks, and served them refreshments.





LIBRARY CLUB

The purpose of the Library Club is to promote interest in the library, and to stimulate a greater interest in reading.

There are many varied activities of the Library Club. These range from a welcoming tea for the sophomores to a Library Club "Beatnik" party. There is a N.C.H.S.L.A. state convention and a district convention. The Library Club accomplishes its goal by sponsoring assembly programs and by planning many interesting activities and programs for its members. The Library Club members try always to set a good example of library citizenship.

Spencer Tinkham*President*
 Doloris Fincher*Vice-President*
 Anne Cherry*Secretary*
 Gerald Goodman*Treasurer*
 Mrs. Helen M. Barr*Adviser*



LIBRARIANS

Students interested in Library find ample opportunity to serve while learning as assistants to Mrs. Barr. They not only shelf books but create attractive bulletin boards for eye-catching reminders to read. The college room is kept orderly and periodicals are arranged to be used efficiently. Help may be received in using the Library by asking any of the librarians.



BIBLE CLUB

The Bible Club adds to our school the program of Christian guidance. To achieve this spiritual guidance, the Bible Club sponsors school-wide programs during the year.

The members of the Bible Club attend the State Bible Rally and are privileged to attend retreats held in the spring and the fall of each year.

Linda Simpson*President*
 Jerry Harben*Vice-President*
 Sue Carithers*Secretary*
 Joyce Dellinger*Treasurer*
 Mr. Edward Moore*Adviser*

FRENCH CLUB

The French Club is composed of students enrolled in the French II classes. The purpose of the club is to better acquaint the members with France and its customs.

Freddy Hamilton*President*
 Gerald Turner*Vice-President*
 Andrea Elliot*Secretary*
 Kari Ekset*Treasurer*
 Miss Naomi Cox*Adviser*

SCIENCE CLUB

The purpose of the Science Club is to create interest in the study of science and to encourage students to choose a vocation in science. This year, the Science Club has a weather station which the various members will operate during the year. They also plan to sponsor an assembly program and to make several field trips to points of interest. Our local science club is affiliated with the Science Clubs of America, which furnishes scholarships to outstanding students.

The Science Club sponsors the Science Fair at West, from which winners are selected to participate in the South Piedmont District Science Fair.

Gordon Coley*President*
 Spencer Tinkham*Vice-President*
 Gerald Goodman ..*Secretary & Treasurer*
 Mrs. Betty Hunsucker*Adviser*

LATIN CLUB

The Latin Club is known as the *Filii et Filiae Romae* (Sons and Daughters of Rome). The club is an active chapter in the Junior Classical League of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

The members of the club believe that an acquaintance with the civilization of Rome will help them to understand and appraise the world of today which is indebted to ancient Rome in its governments, laws, literatures, languages, and arts.

Each year our organization celebrates North Carolina Latin Week. The outstanding event of this week is the Roman Banquet which is given in authentic style.

Gerald Goodman*President*
 Juanita Alexander*Vice-President*
 Joyce Clanton*Secretary*
 Tommy Lacy*Treasurer*
 Mrs. Frances Ross*Adviser*





F. H. A.

Girls studying home economics in high schools of the United States and Territories compose the national organization of Future Homemakers of America. This organization strives to promote and emphasize the appreciation of the satisfactions and importance of worthy home membership, and promote general good will.

To become a member, one must be taking or have already taken a homemaking course in high school.

Activities such as visiting a local hospital, meetings, a social, and attendance of rallies have helped this to be a well-rounded year for the F.H.A.

Beth Wilkes *President*
 Ann Cherry *Vice-President*
 Sandy Keistler *Secretary*
 Teresa Roberts *Treasurer*
 Mrs. Mary Saine *Adviser*



F. F. A.

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of boys studying vocational agriculture, with chapters in every state and Puerto Rico.

The motto of the F.F.A. is "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn; Earning to Live; and Living to Serve."

The purposes of this organization are to encourage leadership, scholarship, and thrift; to foster patriotism; to strengthen the confidence of young men in themselves; and to help young men in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.

Jimmy Pettus *President*
 Harry Deese *Vice-President*
 Richard Rorie *Secretary*
 Phillip Earley *Treasurer*
 Mr. Jack Drye *Adviser*



F. T. A.

The Future Teachers of America provides members with opportunities for developing personal growth and professional competences, and for gaining an understanding of the history, ethics, and program of the organized teaching profession.

The President of the State F.T.A. is Linda Brooks, a member of the West Mecklenburg student body.

Kay Brooks *President*
 Sandy Keistler *Vice-President*
 Nancy Grayson *Secretary*
 Maija Ernestsons *Treasurer*
 Mr. Charles Pearson *Adviser*

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Since Horace A. Moses combined the ideas (thoughts) of businessmen in 1919, high school students all over the nation have been learning free enterprise. With Calvin M. Hunt as executive director, Junior Achievement in Charlotte has 21 companies composed of 350 students and 96 advisers sponsored by 20 local firms with 275 giving financial support. Weekly meetings are held with West students ardently participating (as officers, salesmen, committee members, and stockholders) with a "future unlimited." The annual Junior Achievement Trade Fair was held on February 3-4 in Belk Bros., Charlotte, N. C.



JUNIOR RED CROSS

The Junior Red Cross Council offers the students of West the opportunity to develop mentally, socially, and spiritually by giving of their time and effort to serve others. The council consists of representatives from each homeroom.

The activities include a trip to the Spastics Rehabilitation Hospital and Green Acres, sending a school album and participating in the International Art Exhibit and the Eighteen-Year-Old Club.

Gloria Deaton *President*
Linda Hancock *Vice-President*
Susan Young *Secretary*
Gerald Goodman *Treasurer*
Miss Juanita Hagler *Adviser*



JUNIOR COUNCIL

The Junior Council is composed of the officers of the junior class and all junior homeroom officers. The chief duty of the council is to plan the annual Junior-Senior Prom which is given at Radio Center in the spring. The juniors obtain the money to finance this most elaborate social event of the school year by the sale of Christmas cards. This project requires a great deal of work and effort on the part of all juniors.

Brenda Nash *President*
Deanna Thompson *Vice-President*
Carol Sue Harkey *Secretary*
Donny Lemmond *Treasurer*
Mrs. Frances Ross *Adviser*





BUS DRIVERS

It is necessary for the bus drivers at West Mecklenburg to be capable and responsible persons so students may be transported to and from school safely. Each driver must pass a written examination and road test before he is permitted to drive a county school bus. In addition, each driver must keep an accurate daily record of the number of students riding his bus.



SAFETY CLUB

Under the sponsorship of Mr. Keeter, the members of the West Mecklenburg Senior Safety Club strive to promote safety at school, in the home, and on the highways. To carry out this program, the Safety Club sponsors fire drills in the school and they also provide the school with safety posters.

Ronnie Price	.....	President
Bill Young	.....	Vice-President
Sandy Keistler	.....	Secretary
Jerry Shiver	.....	Treasurer
Mr. Thomas Keeter	.....	Adviser

CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club gives recognition to students who show an interest in photography. Membership is open to anyone who expresses an interest. Monthly meetings are held for the purpose of discussing techniques and topics related to the science of photography. Every member is given an opportunity to exercise his knowledge and skill by entering different categories of the yearly picture contest sponsored by the Camera Club.

Loreen Mangum *President*
 Mary Lou Stilwell *Vice-President*
 Linda Hancock *Secretary*
 Judy Brown *Treasurer*
 Mr. Kenneth S. Moseley *Adviser*



ENGINEERING CLUB

The aims of the West Mecklenburg Engineers' Club are to increase their knowledge and interest of engineering; to explore the possibilities of an engineering or scientific career; to learn to perfect their skills in engineering; to give service to their school, community, and nation; and to understand the importance of engineering and technology in their lives.

The Club is represented monthly at the Charlotte Engineers' Club meetings.

Dudney Jarnigan *President*
 Frank Hodges *Vice-President*
 Jimmy Miller *Secretary*
 Richard Law *Treasurer*
 Mr. Vance Schrum *Adviser*





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AN ATHLETE'S PRAYER

Our God, our one Head Coach divine
Guide us through life's playing time.
Teach us how to play the game.
Only in a sporting vein.
Endow us with the will to win,
With a spirit striving from within.
And, Coach, teach us as we live and learn
To expect only what we rightly earn.
Quitting never; though discouraged, be

Ever true to self, to team, to Thee.
Keep us clean in speech and thought,
In doing, and in living as we ought.
Of hate and envy keep us free,
For more deserving man than we.
Prepare us now in friendly strife
On the playing field of life.
And someday, Master, Coach Supreme,
Let us play on your great team.

Author Unknown. . . .

ATHLETICS



MIKE SPAIN



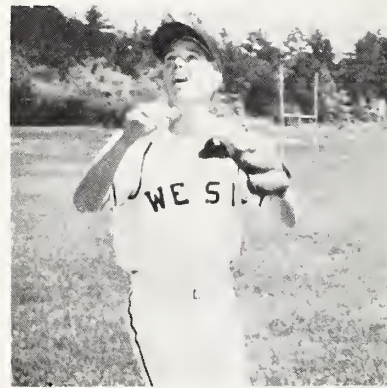
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TIM HARRIS



COACH CARL BOLICK



GARY SMITH



DONNY LEMMOND



BUB MITCHELL





JIMMY HYDER



NICK ABERNATHY



JIMMY McANULTY



ASSISTANT COACH LAVON LAYE



BILLY PAYNE



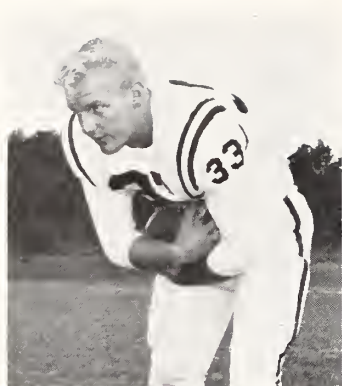
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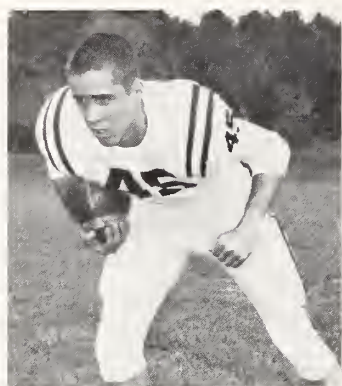
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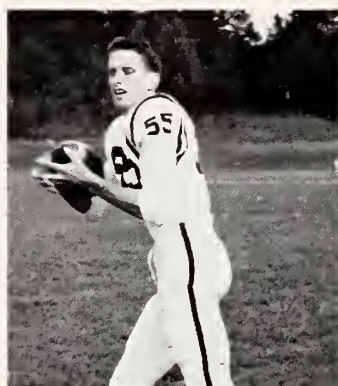
Head Coach Carl Bolick and Assistant Coach Lavon Laye, coaching the West Mecklenburg baseball team, again piloted it to the State 4-A Baseball Finals, played in Charlotte, N. C. Combining good hitting, defense, hustle, and desire, West played its first year in the highly competitive Western 4-A Conference, compiled a 10-4 record and the championship. Advancing into the State playoffs, the team, urged on by a spirited student body, slipped by Wilson High School, Wilson, N. C., thereby gaining a berth in the finals. Playing the State championship game against Greensboro, N. C., West fell behind and staged a final inning rally, only to have it fall short and see the coveted crown slip from their grasps. Even in losing, the team and student body showed their good sportsmanship and gained the respect of all for their outstanding spirit.



JERRY HARBEN



MARTY GARMON



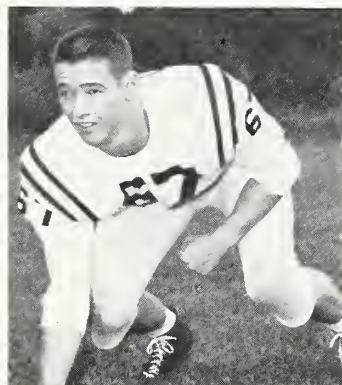
TOMMY LACY



VERNON MCCORD



EDDIE DICKERSON



RONNIE SADLER



BILLY REAVIS



ROBERT COSTNER



HERB BAKER



JIMMY BARNETTE

F O O T

Long before the student body returned for another year of study, the West football gridders were undergoing intensive training in preparation for a rough ten game schedule. This year was very much different as the squad was faced with the difficult task of becoming acquainted with the type of training of our head football coach, Mr. Frank Maennle, from Andrews High, Andrews, North Carolina, and also of making the transition from the "single wing" to the "split T" formation. After many days of hard work, they were prepared to tackle the tough schedule that was before them. The Indians did not win the Conference Championship, but they still managed to have a successful season. Every year it seems that, while the Indians do not have the size of some of the other teams in the conference, they have more than enough spirit to meet





DONNY LEMMOND



GEORGE JOHNSON



FRANK VOGT



BUTCH JONES



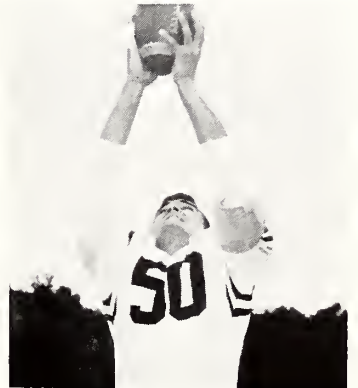
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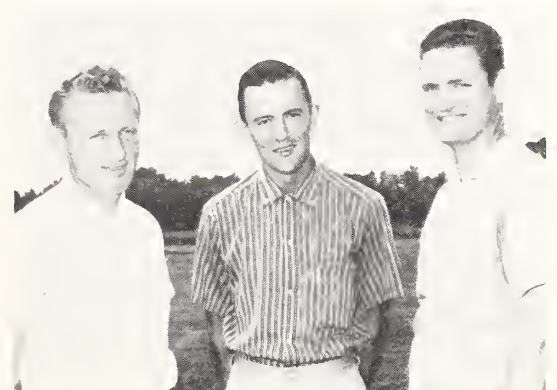
the obstacles put before them. Hard work and the will to win made the team one we were proud to call our own.

In order to field a football team, it is necessary to have a staff of coaches who have the knowledge of their field and the wisdom to adjust this knowledge to the potential of available men. During his first season at West, Coach Maennle has demonstrated his knowledge through the coaching of the team.

The new system that Maennle installed at West, once Mecklenburg County's only single wing club, is not strictly "T". It's a wide open brand of football, with a single wing line and a "T" backfield. Helping Coach Maennle are three capable assistants: Carl Bolick, line coach; Lavon Laye, back coach; and Ronald Patterson, Junior Varsity coach.



COACH FRANK MAENNLE

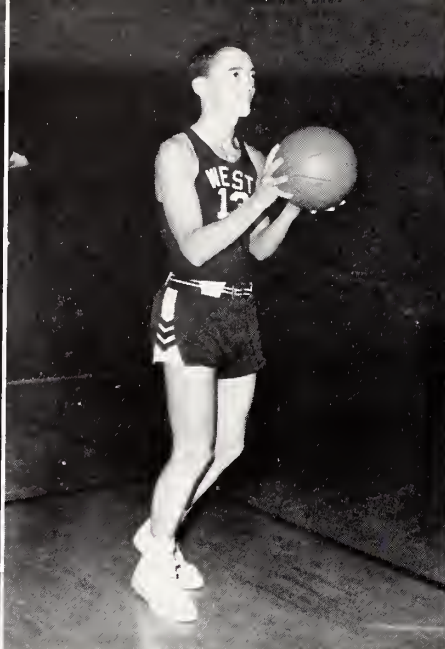


ASSISTANT COACHES CARL BOLICK,
LAVON LAYE, AND RONALD PATTERSON

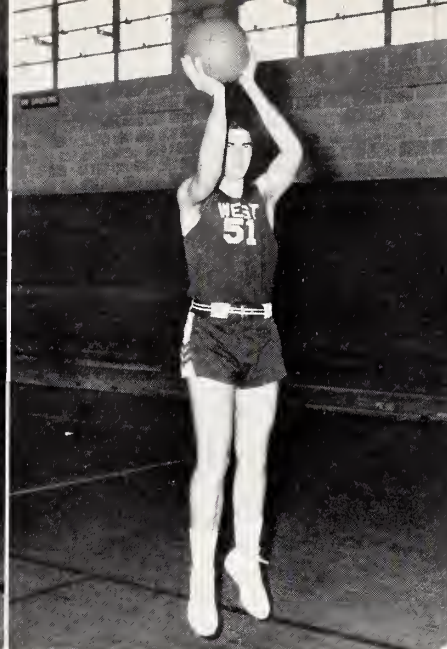




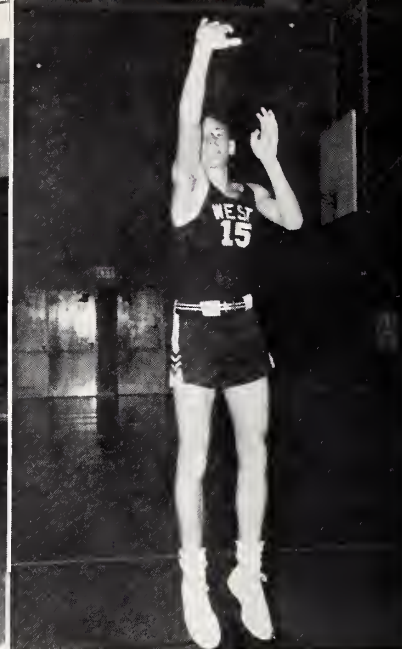
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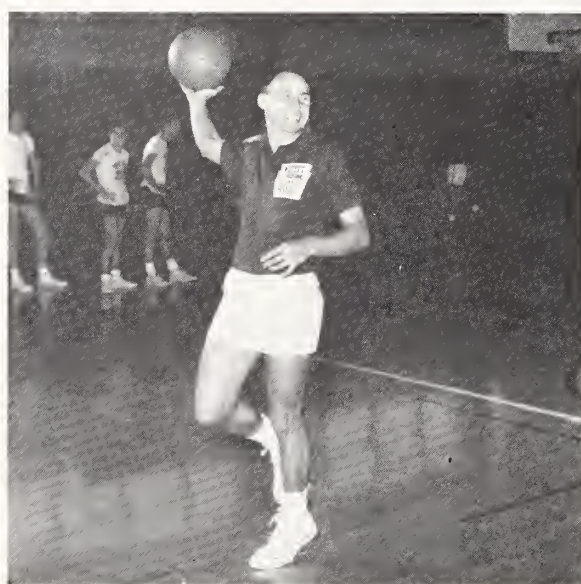
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MIKE SPAIN



JIMMY HYDER



KENT MOSELEY, *Varsity Coach*

BASKETBALL '60-'61

VARSITY





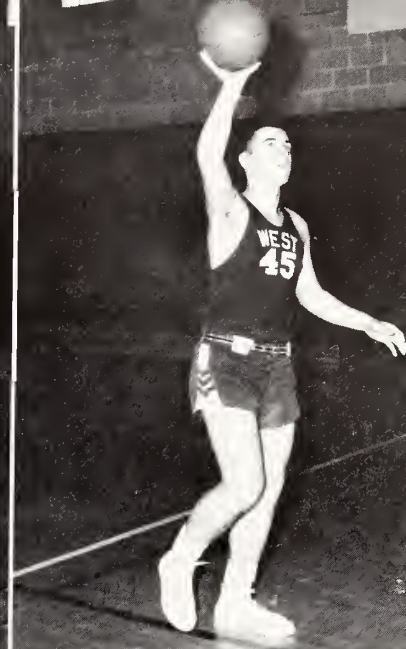
TOMMY LACY



TIM HARRIS



MIKE MULLIS



DONNY LEMMOND

After losing most of the "height" of the 1959-60 team, the 1960-61 basketball team developed into a hustling aggressive unit. Using, for the most part, an effective "zone press" and a devastating fast break, the team became a scrapping quintet displaying a brand of ball never before seen at the school. While a rough schedule was faced, all were enthusiastic about the fine showing and looked forward to the western 4-A tournament held at the end of the season in Charlotte Park Center.

The Junior Varsity team worked hard to prepare themselves for future varsity competition and in doing so have caused a great deal of interest to be shown in their play. Most of the boys on the team are sophomores; however, they show a great deal of finesse and poise and are certain to produce a fine future team.

Our "J. V.'s" are: Cliff Lane, Sammy Lowman, Eddie Hallman, Gary Gregg, Alan Goodcn, Jimmy Cochrane, Eddie Hord, Tommy Kirkman, Warren McDaniels, Larry Johnston, Ernie Kalc, and Bobby Day.



LAVON LAYE, Junior Varsity Coach

JUNIOR VARSITY





T R A C K

TOMMY LACY
SPENCER TINKHAM
EDDIE LAWING

MARTY GARMON

RONNIE SADLER
JIMMY BARNETTE
LARRY HUGGINS

HERB BAKER

LEON BOLICK
VAN QUINN
LOUIE YOUNG
DICKEY OWEN

FRANK VOGT

RONNIE BARNES

EDDIE LONG





CROSS COUNTRY

Track is a sport with growing popularity at West in recent years. Much of the credit for this interest must be given to Mr. Ronald Patterson, the hard-working track coach. Since coming to West four years ago, "Pat" has developed track and cross-country into successful sports. The West "Cindermen" participate in a rugged conference and are respected by their opponents. Starting in early spring, the team works steadily toward the Charlotte Queen City Relays and the State Meet at Raleigh, N. C. Heading this eager group is Dudney Jarnigan, one of our best track men.

COACH RONALD PATTERSON



DUDNEY JARNIGAN





GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The purpose of the Girls' Athletic Association is to sponsor and promote a program of athletics that will be interesting, stimulating, and suitable for the high school girl; to promote competition that stresses enjoyment of a sport and the development of sportsmanship and character; and to encourage leadership through student management.

G.A.A. members participate in volleyball, basketball, softball, track, table tennis, golf, bowling and tennis. They also attend the State Sportsday at High Point, N. C., and the State Playday at Woman's College in Greensboro, N. C.

Nancy MobleyPresident
Barbara McCordVice-President
Judy HowieSecretary
Loretta ToddTreasurer
Miss Betty Jo ClaryAdviser



LETTER GIRLS

W—Margie DeMerritt
E—Linda Stegall
S—Donna Cathey
T—Emily Wilson

An added attraction to our sports events was that of our four letter girls. These girls faithfully supported our team at each game, not only by their presence, but by their helping with cheers, also.

Much gratitude is extended to each of our letter girls for their support.



MONOGRAM CLUB

The purpose of the West Mecklenburg Monogram Club is the promotion of better sportsmanship and participation in all athletic activities of West Mecklenburg, and the promotion of close fellowship among those entitled to wear the West Mecklenburg Monogram.

The Monogram Club holds an annual banquet for its members.

Tommy LacyPresident
Vernon McCordVice-President
Jane HawkinsSecretary
Mike SpainTreasurer
Mr. Frank MaennleAdviser

CHEERLEADERS

Each one of our cheerleaders, with a perpetual display of witty personality, was truly an honor to the position that she held. They made us happy, they made us cheer, they made us boost the feelings of our team. Their contributions are not to be taken lightly because they added that certain spark which made us really enjoy the competition with our fellow school teams.

Many times during the year the cheerleaders don their uniforms to support the "Indians" and to lead the cheering of the fans. Their work is hard and sometimes unrewarded, but they continue to give it their best and to keep up the school spirit.



JANE HAWKINS, *Head Cheerleader*



BETH WILKES



SANDY KEISTLER



TERESA ROBERTS



FAYE THOMPSON



MARGARET LAMB



CAROLE ROSSER



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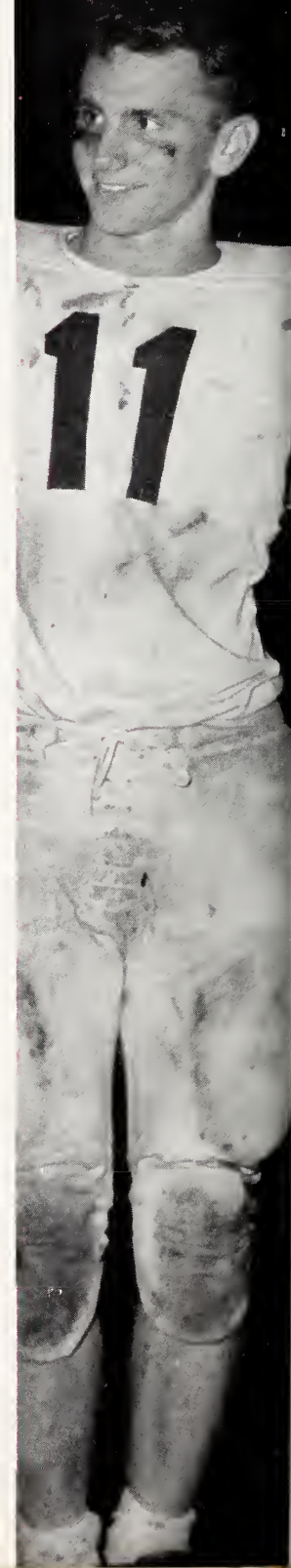
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As glamorous as the frosting on an anniversary cake, this is a description of the Feature Section of our annual. Here we have gathered together in one star-spangled section our prettiest girls, our outstanding senior superlative winners, our lovely homecoming queen and court, and our Carrousel princess.

This is the gay and glamorous section of our annual where one turns momentarily aside from the serious task of studies, and honors these outstanding students, each according to his accomplishments.

These are your tenth anniversary choices, and we present them to you with pride, in a glittering section entitled—Features.

F E A T U R E S

A black and white studio portrait of a young woman, Kay Brooks, from the waist up. She has short, dark, wavy hair and is smiling at the camera. She is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved dress with a draped bodice and a full skirt. She is also wearing long white gloves. The background is a plain, light-colored studio backdrop.

SENIOR BEAUTY

Kay Brooks



JOYCE CLANTON



MAIJA ERNESTSONS

SENIOR BEAUTIES

TERESA ROBERTS



BETH WILKES



A black and white studio portrait of a young woman, Dilly Glover, from the waist up. She is seated, wearing a strapless, horizontally-pleated dress. Her hair is styled in a voluminous, dark, wavy bob. She is smiling at the camera. The background is a plain, light-colored studio backdrop.

JUNIOR BEAUTY

Dilly Glover



SOPHOMORE BEAUTY

Carolyn Todd



MARGARET LAMB



LINDA ADAMS

JUNIOR BEAUTIES

SOPHOMORE BEAUTIES

MARILYN TERRY



PATRICIA EDWARDS





CARROUSEL PRINCESS

Candy Keener



HOMECOMING QUEEN

Beth Wilkes



MAIJA ERNESTSONS
Crown Bearer



TERESA ROBERTS
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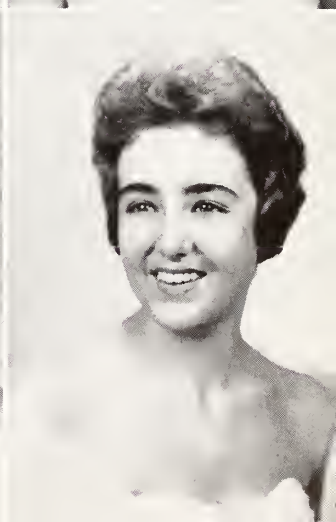
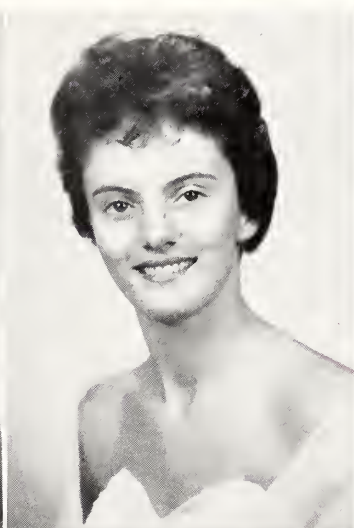
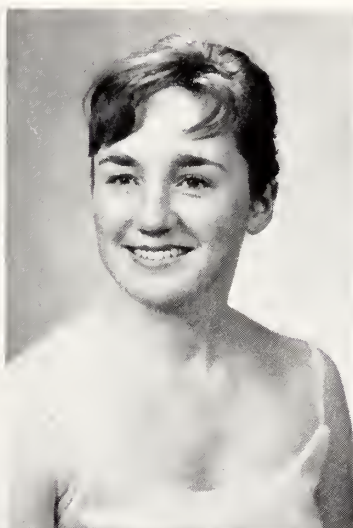
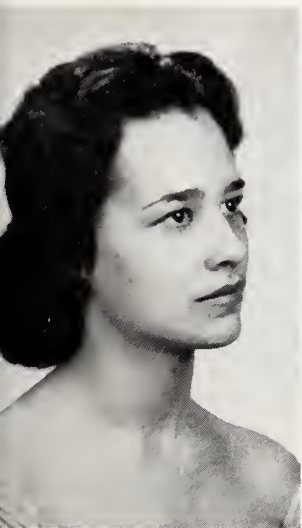
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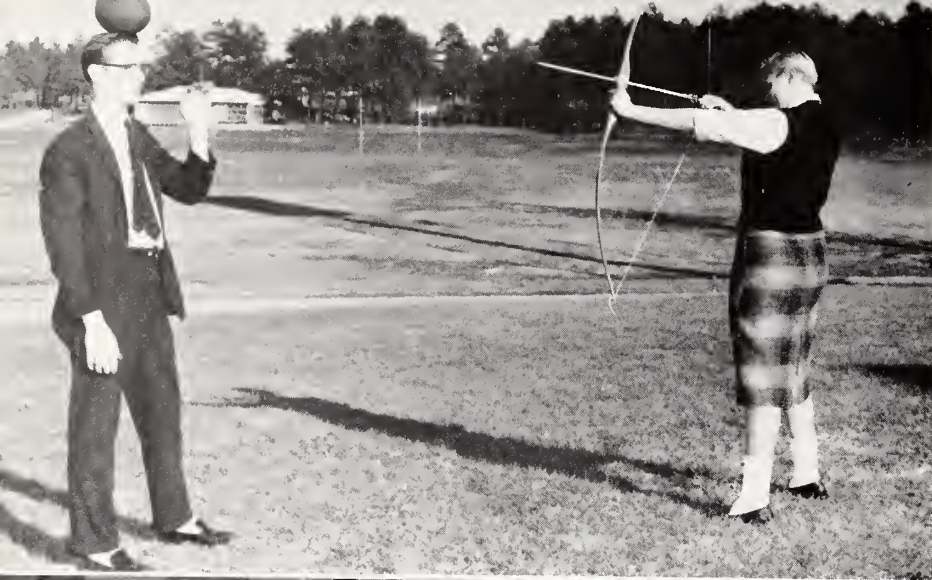


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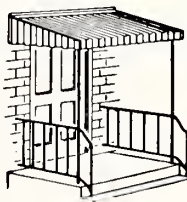
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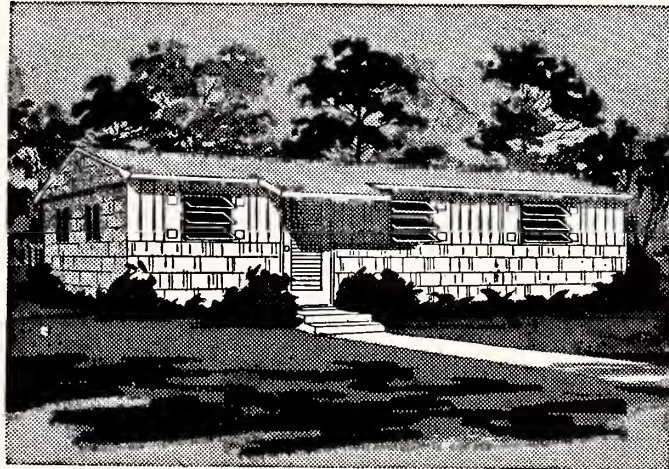
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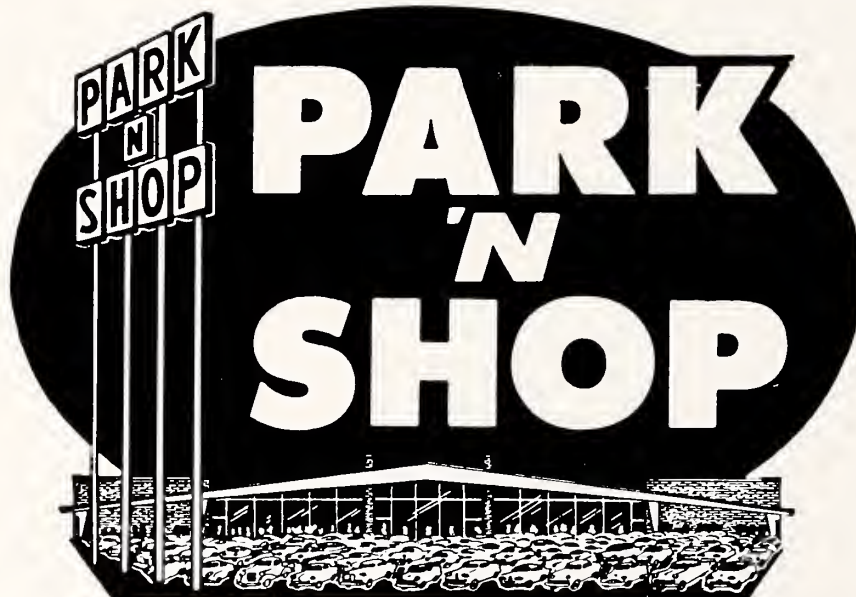
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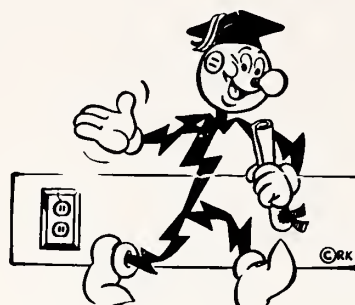
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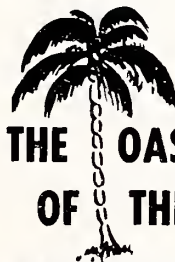
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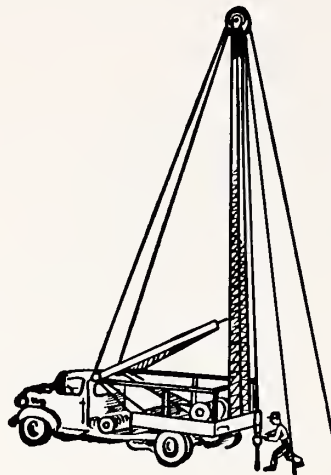
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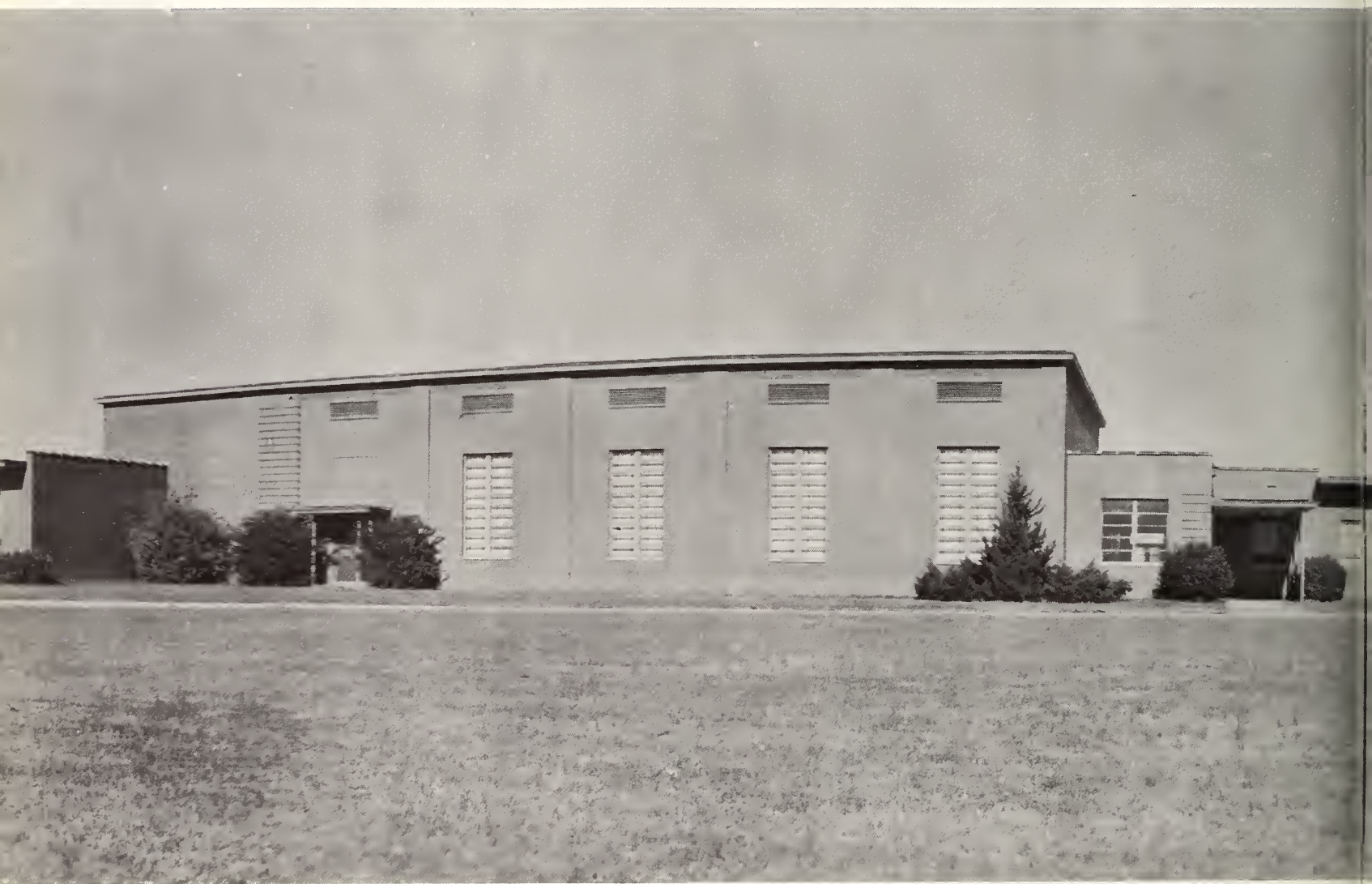
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